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No fundamental change for two years

Heseltine offer to Labour on poll tax reform

By Philip Webster and Douglas Broom

night with an audacious expected. The time had come offer to opposition par-ties to co-operate in a full to and finance of local govern-ment together, something that review of the structure and finance of local

His unprecedented invitation to his opponents to join in an investigation that could result in the abolition of the charge surprised both sides of the Commons. "No options are ruled in and no options are ruled out," he declared.

Mr Heseltine used his first ministerial speech for five years to make plain, however, that no fundamental changes could be implemented in under two years, or before a general election, although he indicated that shorter-term changes were possible. "Our review could well identify a programme divided into quite different time perspectives. It may well be that what is required is a programme of building blocks constructed logically and carefully towards

a clearly defined objective." He refused repeated requests to say that he would abolish the charge, but it was

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New No 10

policy chief

appointed to head John Ma-

jor's Downing Street policy

unit, the first woman to hold

the post. By background she is representative of the old-style Tory grandees. Her father,

Lord Boyd-Carpenter, was

chief secretary to the Treasury

under Macmilian. She is mar-

ried to Douglas Hogg, the son of Lord Hailsham, the former

Lord Chancellor. But she sym-

bolises a tough-minded prag-

matism which is emerging in the Major premiership Page 2

A "deplorable state of affairs"

in Derbyshire police was blamed yesterday on the Lab-

our-controlled county council

by Kenneth Baker, the home

Salman Rushdie, emerged from hiding yesterday to sign copies of his latest work,

Haroun and the Sea of Stories,

at a bookshop in Hampstead Page 3

The government has agreed to

reveal details of submarine

movements in the Firth of

Clyde to avoid further

For 30 years Eileen Derby

shire (the prim Emily Bishop) has been the most enduringly popular actress in Coronation

Street. In the world of the soaps, she is a Garbo, and until today had never given a full-length interview.. Page 19

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sinkings of fishing boats.

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ment together, something that century, he said.

The review will be the most extensive inquiry into local government since the Redcliffe Maude commission of the early Seventies laid the foundations for the present structure of county, district and metropolitan councils. It is expected to include proposais to replace some or all counties and districts with single-tier councils. Annual elections, directly-elected mayors and other ideas previously floated by Mr Heseltine will also be considered.

Mr Heseltine said he wanted to take the matter beyond the narrow bounds of party political conflict". His to explore "common principles for the future role and direction of local government" was scorned by Labour, but appealed to the smaller

Labour has only recently completed it own review which opted for a return to a abolition if the review recom-fairer and modernised rating mends single-tier local govsystem. Bryan Gould, the shadow environment secretary, told Mr Heseltine last night that his offer could be treated seriously only if there was a clear commitment to the abolition of the poll tax. "We have no intention of being

drawn into a cosmetic exercise designed to tinker with the poll tax and to conceal the fact that you have no serious proposals of your own." Labour would consult only on the and fairly. basis of its own rates proposals. If the government ent down that route, Labour would guarantee swift passage to any legislation.

Paddy Ashdown, the Liberal Democrat leader, last night wrote to the prime minister welcoming the overture. "If this is a sign of a new style of government under your leadership I thoroughly commend it," he said, adding that his party would try to persuade others of the good sense of a

local income tax. In the Commons, Mr Heseltine was adamant that there could be no quick fix. There is no prospect whatsoever that a final answer can be designed, passed through Parliament and implemented in under a two-year timescale. That is a matter of hard reality." That was not an

MICHAEL Heseltine be- clear that the scale of the excuse for prevarication or gan his mission to review would be far greater delay. "I am not here to set a neutralise the poll tax last than most MPs and ministers rigid timetable for our review. rigid timetable for our review. expected. The time had come I cannot anticipate what to address both the structure agreements can be found. I can only promise to listen with care, to decide with my had eluded successive govern- colleagues on the way forward ments for a quarter of a once our review is complete and then to act with determination.

"Taxes we advocate must be seen to be fair. The British public must be persuaded that the arrangements proposed at the conclusion of this review will be fair. Our priority must be to address their concerns as fully as possible." The relationships between central and local government must be put on a healthier footing, to replace conflict with partner-

Mr Heseltine's commitment to review municipal detailed evaluation of his own preferred schemes for returning county borough status to big towns and cities not at present metropolitan boroughs. He has already asked officials to examine the feasibility of the scheme.

The Conservative-led Association of County Councils, whose members could face emment, welcomed the offer to listen to all advice, and agreed that structure and fi-nance should be considered

Iraq faces

'sudden

massive

strike?

From Susan Ellicott

IN WASHINGTON

JAMES Baker, the American

Secretary of State, said vester-

day that his proposed trip to

chance for a peaceful solu-tion" to the Gulf confron-

tation and threatened to strike

Iraq hard if his mission failed.

"Our aim is that if force must

be used it will be used

suddenly, massively and deci-

sively," Mr Baker told Con-

In his first formal com-

ments on a diplomatic mis-

sion offered by President Bush

last week, Mr Baker said his

trip to Iraq would not open

negotations with President

Saddam Hussein but was

aimed at reinforcing the mess-

age of the United Nations

resolutions to withdraw from

Kuwait, release foreign hos-

tages and restore the legiti-

he faces: comply with the objectives of the Security

Council, or risk disaster for Iraq," Mr Baker said indicat-ing that Washington was pre-

pared to go to war if Iraq did

ing impression among law-makers that the Bush

administration was moving

irreversibly towards war, Mr

Baker presented the most

cohesive case yet for Opera-tion Desert Shield.

Mr Bush, speaking in Bue-

nos Aires yesterday, said he

was not optimistic that direct

talks would persuade fraq to

In Baghdad, Brian Duffy, an

Ulsterman, was jailed for a

year for attempting to flee Iraq

without an exit visa.

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not retreat by January 15. Seeking to counter the grow-

mate Kuwaiti government.

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together. Sir Jack Layden, chairman of the Labour-controlled Association of Metropolitan Authorities, said: "We hope that Mr Heseltine can give us some answers quickly so that we can administer the last rites of the poll tax efficiently

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Belgian police seize armed IRA suspects

By Stewart Tendler, crime correspondent

of an IRA active service unit and a cache of arms were seized yesterday by armed Belgian police in a raid on a house in Antwerp. Belgian investigators have been searching for the men for some time and British intelligence sources believe the arrests could scotch the start of a new campaign in mainland

The raid was carried out by specialist Belgian officers. Smoke bombs were used in the raid which yielded machineguns, shotguns and a quantity of ammunition. No the arena of operations.

THREE suspected members shots were fired and the suspects did not struggle, the Belgian public prosecutor, Luc Van Hemel, said.

He said: "We are not sure who they are but we are sure they are people from the IRA." On Tuesday, two suspected members of an IRA splinter group were given jail sentences in Belgium for shooting and wounding a policeman in Antwerp late last

The arrests follow a threeyear IRA campaign in which the Benelux countries and western Germany have been



EC is given high noon deadline to save talks

From Peter Guilford and Michael Binyon in brussels NOON in Brussels today was there were clear signs that not time to put it together into

the commission's mandate.

secretary, said early yesterday:

"It's clear that some winding down of support is called for."

ficials, privately sounding out

But senior commission of-

yesterday set as the deadline Britain and several other EC a final package. for the European Community countries, embarrassed by to improve its agricultural being cast as the villains of the offer or face the failure and conference, were pressing for a break-up of the 107-nation substantial modification of world trade negotiations.

In response, the European John Gummer, the agriculture Commission's negotiators last night told several delegations that the EC was ready to make a firmer commitment to cut farm export subsidies, the main sticking point in the deadlocked agricultural sec-tor. Its refusal so far to discuss these subsidies separately has rallied the world against it.

The Community was hinting that it could limit the amount paid to farmers exporting produce while abandoning its proposals to "rebalance" subsidies in sensitive

European farm and trade ministers had a joint session last evening to hear the commission's assessment of whether a compromise could be offered. As world pressure time when, even if the EC

"Put simply, my mission to Baghdad will be an attempt to explain to Saddam the choice

key delegations, insisted the EC could shift only if other parallel concessions were made in other key sectors. Arther Dunkel, secretarygeneral of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade. gave a gloomy assessment of the talks, saying that after

three days there had been no significant new element in any of the 15 separate sectors. Some sectors were even moving backwards, he said. Clayton Yentter, the US

agriculture secretary, said: "We are rapidly nearing the mounted on the community, made a move, there is simply

Six million battle for stake in power sell-off

By MARTIN WALLER

yesterday on the biggest lastminute rush yet to cash in on the government's privatisation programme, with the stock market flotation of the 12 electricity distributors in

England and Wales.

Some six million people are ing to the latest indications from the City.

It is certain, however, that many potential investors will Pledge to Kuwaitis, page 11 | many potential investors will Letters, page 13 | not receive all the shares they

JOHN Wakeham, the energy want. As with other governsecretary, slammed the doors ment sell-offs, applications will be scaled back if there is

huge over-demand.

The size of that demand was evident in the City yesterday as thousands queued outside the two receiving centres which remained open until 10 am for last-minute applications. Mr Wakeham, who thought to have applied for tions. Mr Wakeham, who the shares, and they face helped to shut the doors of one profits of up to 40p for every at 10 am sharp, hailed the £5.2 £1 they have invested, accord- billion sell-off as "the best privatisation ever".

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on Europe delayed by the cabinet By Andrew McEwen, diplomatic editor THE government has delayed goals, with the hard ecu as an

'White paper'

or shelved plans to produce a white paper soon setting out its policy on Europe amid hints that a cabinet consensus may be harder to reach than

A senior source said that the cabinet did not want such a paper at this time, and was incertain that it would ever be produced. Surprisingly the ntention to produce it was announced only last week and this reversal appears to reflect continuing differences over European policy.

Margaret Thatcher's resignation settled arguments over style and presentation, but has reopened important questions of substance. The cabinet is thought to be heading for a gradual acceptance of full economic and monetary getting a hearing for the hard union. The source suggested that it might also be prepared to accept a two-speed Europe, with Britain reaching this goal later than the 11 other nations.

pressing his plan for a "hard" ecu, despite strong German objections, but is likely to accept that it should be a step European Central Bank which towards full economic and monetary union. Under Mrs oppose. It is likely to say, Thatcher the plan was seen as however, that the former a way of sidestepping the need could gradually evolve into for single European currency the latter. and a European central bank: under Mr Major those aims may be explicitly accepted as

Last night the ministers heading the Gatt delegations

began their most intensive

bargaining session so far.

Acknowledging that the talks

met to assess whether any

progress was now possible

before the conference ends on

Friday. They all insisted that

an extension was not possible.

"Maybe by tomorrow morning there will have been

no movement, and we will see

the unravelling of the talks,"

John Crosbie, the Canadian

foreign trade minister, said

before the session began.

Mr Major's cabinet has not vet settled its view, but is considering ideas rejected in the past. The source said it was "perfectly conceivable" that there could be a treaty on monetary union involving only 11 of the 12, as Britain's delayed entry to the European exchange rate mechanism had created a precedent.

The clash at the Rome

summit stemmed from a

declaration by the 11 setting January 1 1994 as the date for starting the second stage of EMU, and 1997 as a timelimit for considering the third stage. A wish by most governments to avoid a further row at the next summit should improve Britain's chances of ecu. The government would accept the hard ecu being used in some countries and not others, which might molify German objections. It would. John Major will continue monetary institution to administer it, and few people would understand the difference between this and the the government continues to

Mr Major and Mr Hurd will go to the summit with a strong wish to reach an agreemen Their tactics seem designed to allow a complete change of policy in small steps, arranged mth

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to reduce its public impact.
Unlike Mrs Thatcher, Mr Major and Mrs Hurd will not pay much attention to statements by other European leaders on political union. They believe that there is no serious wish for a federation.

The conference on political union will, however, deal with proposals for a common security policy. Britain is expected to argue in favour of it, if a distinction is made between security and defence. It considers the EC unsuitable to with detence of neutral country (Ireland) is a member and three more (Austria, Sweden and Finland) are likely to join. Britain would not want any step which jeopardised the Nato alliance or the involvement of Washington. However, other countries are expected to say that security and defence are in-separable. Britain is not ready to accept the Italian government's proposal that the EC should take over the main

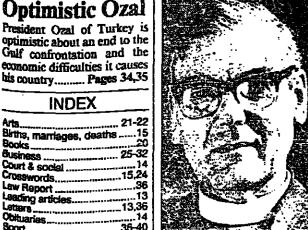
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Church statistics move in mysterious ways



Dr Habgood: "Great

By RUTH GLEDHILL RELIGIOUS AFFAIRS REPORTER

BISHOPS and clergy in the Church of England were last night cautiously rejoicing over the first official increase in church attendance figures since records began in 1968. Church statisticians were so surprised that they checked and double-checked their figures for errors, but were unable to find any.

The latest attendance figures for the 13,000 parishes in England show that 13,000 new adults are going to church every Sunday, an increase of 1.5 per cent. In ten dioceses, including Durham, Rochester, Peterborough and Lincoln, the increase was more than 2 per cent. The number of candidates for

were the highest for three years. And

even allowing for inflation, giving by

Westwood, bishop of Peterborough, said: "We have had a steady decline and bottomed out about five years ago. "This is a modest turnaround. There is a concern about religion and religious Many bishops, more used to fielding

per cent. The Right Rev William

criticism for the seemingly unstoppable decline in church membership over the past 20 years, were bemused and unsure of how to react. The spokesman for one bishop said: "We really do not know what has caused it. We have been trying

to work it out." Douglas Fryer, head of statistics and computers at Church House, said: "We would not want to make a big thing of it and have a triumphalist view. I think there is very cautious optimisim. "I think that what is happening is that in the

church members has increased by up to 5 late 1980s and the present day there is a more pronounced hunger for matters of the spirit."

Dr John Habgood, archbishop of York, said the figures confirmed his "subjective assessment from visiting parishes that there are a great many lively and forward-looking churches, in sharp contradiction to the gloomy prognostications often made about the Church of England by the media."

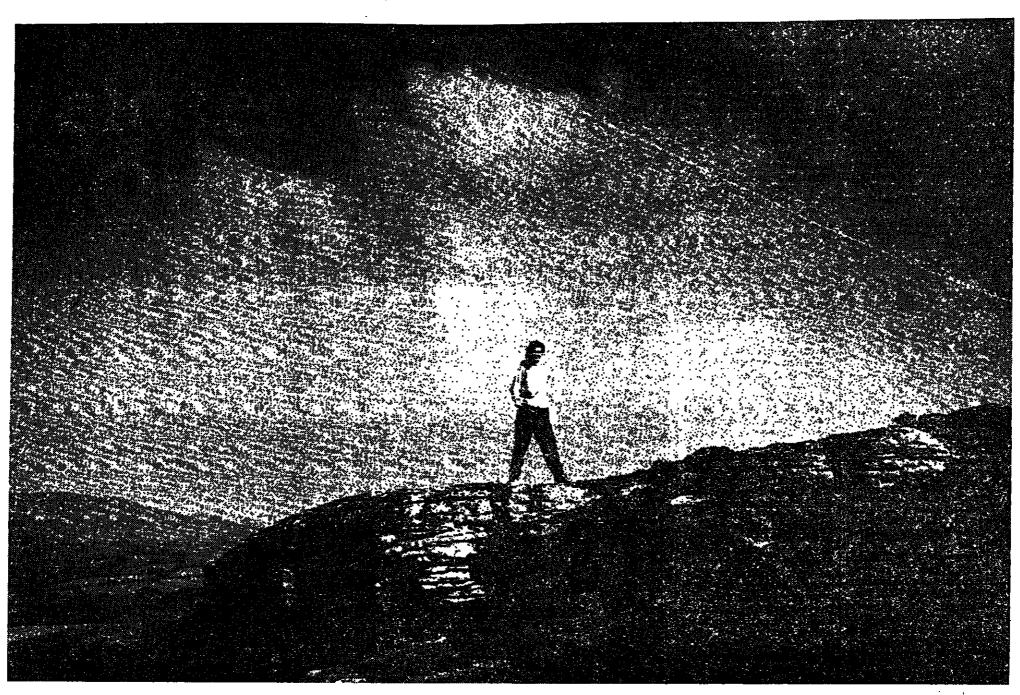
The statistics will be included in the 1991 edition of The Church of England Year Book, to be published in the new year. They show an increase on the church electoral roll of 1 per cent to 1.585,000 for 1988 and an increase in total Sunday attendance to 1,165,000.

The number of churchgoers aged under 16 declined, but church statisticians said this was expected because of the falling birth rate.

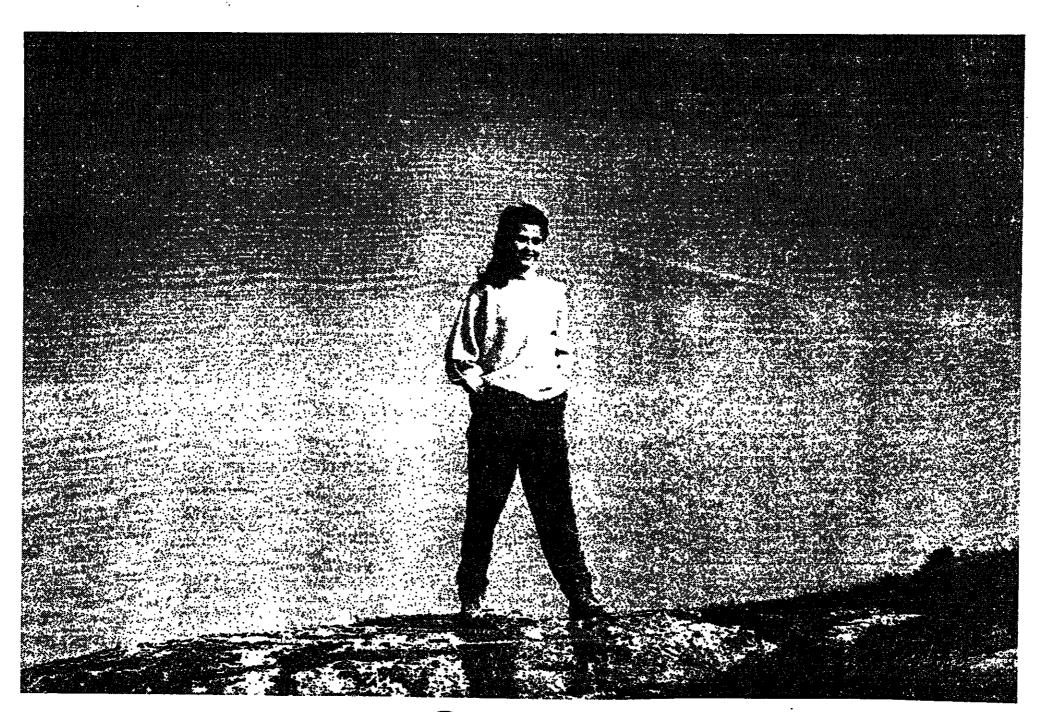
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Council blamed for bringing police force to its knees

A HIGHLY critical report on the state of Derbyshire police denied that deteriorating morale was a problem and said Budgetary control had yet to blames county council burthat many of Mr Dear's rebe devolved to the chief eaucracy for bringing the force commendations had been constable, and county council to the "brink of inefficiency". addressed. He added that the bureaucracy was a major obtor of Constabulary for the

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Midlands, said that in all important financial terms Derbyshire's chief constable was fettered by controls imposed by the county council. He said the force suffered from deteriorating infrastructure and morale. Recorded crime rose by 21.9 per cent in the first six months of this year, causing "great concern" to Mr Dear, who inspected the

The findings were repudiated as unfair by the Labourcontrolled police authority, which denied withholding vital funds. It said that after the county council was poll-tax capped it had had to cut £2 million from the £60 million police budget.

latest population figures pub-

of Population Censuses and

In 1989 there were just

under two million moves

within the United Kingdom,

with the most notable change

being migration between Scot-

land and the rest of the country. Overall, 6,000

moved to Scotland, compared

with 14,000 leaving in each of

The government figures do

not indicate why people are

moving to Scotland or where

migration was in southwest

the two previous years.

exactly they are settling. The largest growth due to

lished yesterday by the Office 42,000.

Population shift

favours Scotland

By RAY CLANCY

PEOPLE are moving to Scot- Yorkshire and Humberside

land from other parts of also showed small increases.

Britain for the first time in The biggest decrease was in

several years, according to the the South-East, where the

deaths.

Geoffrey Dear, the Inspec- report did not show the qual- stacle to the efficient manageity of the people working for ment of the force. the force.

Mr Dear said in his report: "There are examples of initiatives raised by the chief constable being stifled prior to the police committee being reached. The innovative spirit so evident in other forces is translated, at best, into cheerful apathy in Derbyshire."

He said that the state of police buildings was "quite extraordinary", with broken windows, leaking roofs and unusable accommodation. Many computer facilities were obsolete, the force's casualty bureau was antiquated and its telephone lines inadequate for a major disaster. There had been a virtual

population dropped by

People also moved away

from the West Midlands and

the North-West. The overall

population of England and

Wales increased to 50.6 million in mid-1989 mainly

because births outnumbered

There were 577,000 deaths

Mr Dear, the former chief constable of the West Midlands, made more than 40 urgent recommendations. The first was that the chief condemocratic process of the stable must seek relief from processes required by the council governing initiatives, innovation and planning. The county council subjected all but urgent operational activities to stringent controls, Mr Dear said. There was not the flexibility for the chief constable to use to the best effect the finances available to him, most of which were provided by central government.

Bob Jones, chairman of the police authority, said yesterday that it was astonishing that Mr Dear had made no Mr John Newing, who be-came chief constable in June, of the force and its resources allowances for the fact that the county had been grant-capped over several years and this year had been poll-tax capped. He said: "Central government has consistently refused to provide us with the funds to provide the services we want

to provide."

He would be seeking a meeting with Kenneth Baker and Michael Heseltine, the environment secretary, to appeal

for more funds. Earlier this year, the home office, in an unprecedented move, vetoed the Derbyshire police authority's appointment of John Weselby, then deputy, as chief constable.

□ Derbyshire county council

was ordered to cut more than £40 million from its £560 million budget after losing a court battle against the community charge cap in-troduced by Christopher Patten as environment secretary (Robin Young writes).

in 1989, a rise of 1 per cent, largely due to the flu epidemic David Bookbinder, the council leader, said when announcing the spending cuts in November and December. Multiple births doubled last August that £15 million from 12 per 100,000 deliveries in 1982 to 29 in 1989, a special would have to come from cutting back on police overtime, reducing spending on police and fire vehicles, trimreport in the survey says. Population Trends 62 (Winter 1990), Office of Population Censuses and Surveys (Sta-tionery Office; £6.75) ming grants to charities and theatres, and shortening library opening hours.



Out and about: Salman Rushdie cheerfully signing books during his 20-minute visit to Waterstone's in Hampstead yesterday

Rushdie leaves hiding for brief book-signing

By BILL FROST

SALMAN Rushdie emerged briefly from hiding yesterday to sign copies of his latest book, Haroun and the Sea of Stories, at a bookshop in Hampstead, north London. Accompanied by executives from his publishers and bodyguards, he spent 20 minutes chatting with customers and drinking champagne.

manager

were sold. "Mr Rushdie the late Ayatollah Khomeini, enjoyable." Mr Harrington thor's latest has been selling seemed calm and relaxed. He

visit. One assistant said: " we of Penguin said the arrangelatest book."

photographer from Highgate, do and we were very happy to of said he was quite amazed to co-operate." She described the Waterstone's bookshop in see the author calmly signing author as being in very good soon be lifted. Hampstead, who declined to his books while still under form and extremely relaxed. " be named, said 100 copies sentence of death passed by The whole occasion was most

The signing session was would not comment on well anyway. But there is no told us how nice it was to be in a bookshop again."

The alguing session and told us how nice it was to be in a arranged by Penguin in whether Mr Rushdie would substitute for the personal a bookshop again."

Conjunction with Grantz, make any more forays into the appearance and 100 copies in publishers of Mr Rushdie's outside world from his secret 20 minutes is prenty good. utes' notice of the author's latest book. Clare Harrington hiding place. only just had time to set up a ments were made "a little table and stack up copies of his while ago" after discussions cision to venture out was that London-based group, called with Mr Rushdie. "It was

Michael Israel, a freelance something he really wanted to

Waterstone's said: "The au- to offend Muslims.

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insider for Mr Rushdie's de- ety for Religious Tolerance, a he was testing the water in for the lifting of the Fatwa response to less hostile signals against the author. It said it from Iran, perhaps indicating had been in touch with Mr Rushdie and now accepted that his book The Satanic The manager of Verses had not been intended

England, where the popula-tion increased by 22,000. New statute likely to outlaw race bias in justice system

By Frances Gibb, legal affairs correspondent criminal justice system must

be taken without discrimina-

tion on grounds of race. The

THE government is expected to agree that racial discrimination within the criminal justice system should be outlawed by statute when the criminal justice bill is debated

John Patten, Home Office minister, is likely to give his backing to the principle of a new clause which would make clear that decisions in the

Saturday

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physical exposure and

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teachers, lax discipline:

young readers came

straight to the point

when we asked for their

views on the state of

clause, tabled by Labour MPs in the Commons committee now considering the bill, has wide backing from groups such as the Commission for in the Commons today. Racial Equality, the Bar, the Penal Affairs Consortium, Society of Black Lawyers and National Association for the Care and Resettlement of Offenders (Nacro).

If, as expected, the principle is accepted by the govern-ment, it would be the first statutory prohibition on racial discrimination to be applied

John Patten: likely to back new clause for bill

to the criminal justice system and would apply to all decisions, whether by judges or magistrates, court officials, probation officers, police or prison officers.

It is likely that the clause as tabled will be withdrawn in the face of a government commitment to considering how best to enshrine the principle in the bill.

Some 16 per cent of prisoners in England and Wales are from the ethnic minorities, more than three times the proportion in the general population according to a

show that black people are more prone to crime than white people."
During today's Commons

the court considers that nec-essary to protect the public from "serious harm".

In a briefing paper to MPs, the Penal Affairs Consortium, an umbrella body for a wide range of criminal justice groups, says that that is unjust.

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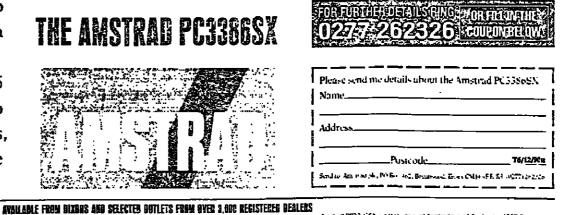
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the school system Public Prosecutions, urging action against Mr Galbraith. A spokesman for the DPP said meeting of the local party Order Saturday's the complaint would be Times today

Monica Drinkwater, chair-

briefing paper by Nacro.

Ms Vivien Stern, director, said: "These figures do not "Open up the System Box, and you might be looking at an IBM."

debate, the government is likely to face pressure to delete part of clause two of the bill which empowers the courts to impose longer sentences on violent and sexual offenders than their offence deserves, if

Police investigate Tory's comment By PETER VICTOR

POLICE are to interview Bill

Galbraith, a local Conservative association member, about his use of the phrase "bloody nigger" in describing
John Taylor, Chehenham's
prospective Conservative Det Chief Inspector Bill

Gaskins, of Gloucestershire police, sought advice yesterday from the Crown procedure for investigating alleged incitements to racial hatred. "I have been asked to look at this matter and I am currently waiting for instructions from a certain direction. We are taking it very seriously," Mr Gaskins said.

The Freedom Association, a right-wing pressure group, has written to the Director of

considered over the next few days. The Gloucester Council for Racial Equality said it was seeking legal advice and guidance from its head office. Mr Galbraith's wife, Janet.

said yesterday that the couple had been bombarded with letters and phone calls since her husband's comments on Monday. She said that some had been threatening, but that Prosucution Service on the "the amount of supportive calls and letters far outweigh the nasty ones". Mr Galbraith was adamant

that he would not withdraw his comments, in spite of a possible investigation and the fact that he had been barred from two favourite pubs.

man of Cheltenham Conservative association, said that there would be a motion calling for his expulsion at a executive next week.

Opposition may be consulted on poll tax

MICHAEL Heseltine, back in his old job as environment secretary, dialogue. It might help to clear old job as environment secretary, marked his first government speech in five years by offering to consult all Opposition parties to establish common principles for the future role and direction of local government.

The minister's offer was greeted by jeers from Labour MPs, but the Liberal Democrats expressed willinguess to talk.

Mr Heseltine was constantly interrupted by Opposition MPs demanding a straight commitment to abolish the poll tax, but did not go beyond ruling "no option in and none out" in the review of the tax. A final solution could not be achieved in less than two years.

He conceded only that the tax would not be extended to Northern Ireland, the only part of the United Kingdom where it does not at present apply.

The prime minister, John Ma-jor, sat beside Mr Heseltine during the Opposition day debate on the abolition of poll tax and consulted him briefly during the many

Mr Heseltine told MPs: "The heart of the matter is the future relationship between central and local government and the relationwhich local government would have in its turn, with its local community in the fullest sense. These relationships go to the heart of the sort of society we have and want to have."

The problem would not be solved unless they were prepared to recognise the proper partnership between the different parts of the democratic system.

would like, if Labour MPs could bring themselves to do so, to take this matter beyond the narrow bounds of party political battle (Labour laughter). I believe that the country wishes us at least to try to identify a stable and just basis for the future development of local government and the provision of local services. I would intend to explore with Opposition parties to what extent we can establish common principies for the future role and

direction of local government. "It might he!p in a material way

their own minds about the answers to questions that have escaped them for so long."

Mr Heseltine said that his offer

to Opposition parties was to see whether they could find a basis of stability in their relationships with local government.

Malcolm Bruce, Liberal Democrat spokesman, said that they would be willing to discuss with the minister all possible options, provided that no options, including abolition, were ruled out.

Mr Heseltine replied: "None are

ruled in or out". Donald Dewar, Labour spokes-

man on Scottish affairs, evoked Conservative laughter when he said: "I want to understand what is being offered to us. Is he suggesting all-party talks - that other parties join the working

Mr Heseltine: "We can all welcome the thinking man's contribution from the Labour party. He has suddenly spotted the trap into which Mr Gould has fallen from a million miles ... I want to consult the Opposition parties to see whether we can find a basis of stability for the relation-ships of this House to local government.

Mr Bryan Gould, Labour's shadow environment secretary, then offered him Labour's "fully worked-out position" on local government tax, tossing the party's policy document across the dispatch box. Mr Heseltine said that it contained only one fact: the price, and that was too high.

Mr Heseltine went on to say that Chris Patten, his predecessor, had announced proposals for improving the position of local authorities and chargepayers. He was now considering responses.

"There is no prospect that a final answer can be designed, passed through Parliament and implemented in under a two-year timescale.

"That is not an excuse for prevarication or delay. The issues involved have been explored many times. I must keep open a proper sense of timing. Our review could well identify a programme



Gould: ideas spin off Heseltine's head without thought

divided into quite different time perspectives. It may well be that what is required is a programme of building blocks constructed logically and carefully towards a clearly defined objective."

Opening the debate, Mr Gould said that Mr Heseltine alone among senior Tories had dared to tell the truth about the poll tax. However, the environment secretary's problem was one of superfluity. He was "a man who believes six impossible things before breakfast".

He told MPs: "Ideas spin off the top of his head without thought, preparation or costing, all of them mutually contradictory, all of them unworkable and all of them cheerfully abandoned in turn as new ideas occur to him "

Mr Gould said that John Major. once one of the strongest supporters of the poll tax, had "slapped down" Mr Heseltine's ideas for reform and torpedoed the notion that education could be transferred to central government.

Mr Heseltine, he said, had been contradicted by the prime minister, senior cabinet ministers, ministers in his environment team and had even contradicted him-

Having claimed that capping would negate accountability, he had in his first act in the House since taking office two days ago presented a bill to tighten the capping screw. "What hope do we have of a little consistency and firmness of purpose from that secretary of state", Mr Gould

"There is only one sensible solution: to restore a propertybased tax and to bring it up to date and to make it fairer by linking it to the ability to pay. That is what Labour advocates.

He called on Mr Heseltine to commit himself to the abolition of the poll tax and tell MPs clearly what was to be put in its place. Nothing else would do.

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Tories could learn from US ban on third term

By ROBIN OAKLEY, POLITICAL EDITOR

to the party and tell them that

where mistakes have been made

correct mistakes made under his

predecessor. Because prime min-

isters care so dreadfully about

losing face, that proved impos-

sible under Mrs Thatcher, hence

the poll tax disaster. John Ma-

jor's test will come in the future

when it is his own government's

Major: offering a freshness

of political style

mistakes that are crying out for

find that things are not quite right

we will listen and we will make

the changes that are necessary",

Mr Major could bring a freshness

of style to politics just as David

Owen first did for the SDP when

he bemused interviewers used to

generations of confrontational

politics by countering their in-

vitations to condemnation: "No,

the government happens to be

Mr Major has been shrewd, as

well as true to himself, in his

choice of the classlessness theme.

It heartens the Tory left, by

assuring them that the casualties

in society will not be forgotten.

But it reassures the Tory right as well that the party is not going to

be allowed to slip back into the

quite right on this...

By telling his troops "when we

correction.

What he means is that he can

they will be corrected."

o-ahead planners in huge corporations should be considering now whether they might have a role in about the year 2001 to suit a slightly used former prime minister of 58. Majorism may not quite have run its course by then but John Major probably will have done.

The real lesson for the Tory party from the past three weeks is that there is much to be said for the adoption, voluntarily, of something like the rule forbidding American presidents to run

Margaret Thatcher spent her political lifetime defying the odds: the odds against a woman reaching the top of the greasy pole, the odds against recovery of the Falklands or of a big chunk of what she used to call "our money" from Europe. But she proved incapable of defying the shelf-life factor. As the sharp turnaround in the opinion polls on her departure confirms, people had simply had enough of her. We live in an adman's age when new has become a synonym for better. Politics, to the British people, is an adjunct of the entertainment world and even a class act can run only so

A prime minister who ran only two terms (and a bit) would be less likely to develop the arrogance of the large majority and to neglect the arts of political persuasion.

A party leader bound to go before a third term would be less likely to provoke his or her party into invoking the arcane leadership election machinery that can only damage a sitting prime minister: once Sir Anthony Meyer had launched his stalking horse challenge last year, that crucial aura of invincibility had

Leadership changes enable parties to re-group, re-form and rethink. When you are as far behind in the opinion polls for as long as the Tories had been, there is little else you can attempt that could have been expected to have anything like as dramatic an effect. And what is noticeable about the Conservative party after the leadership contest is the extraordinary sense of release.

Mrs Thatcher's party had never been short of ideas, but ideas had become locked into competing camps of the faithful

hands of patrician toffs with and the discontented. Now there whom they never really felt at is a free flow. Tory MPs tell you ease. It enables Mr Major to that they are speaking to people whom they had not spoken to for appeal to advancing C2s without alienating the bleeding-heart years. Slates have been wiped middle classes. clean. And John Major can come

The credo of Majorism is now being spelt out in policy terms. What will emerge more gradually is his style of government. Already he has encouraged his cabinet colleagues to pitch in on each others' subjects in collegiate fashion. It will be a good move if they respond: past administrations have been destroyed by concentration on the trees of ministerial briefs and neglect of the government wood. Ministers have been so desperate for allies against the Treasury that they never dared speak up on anyone else's patch.

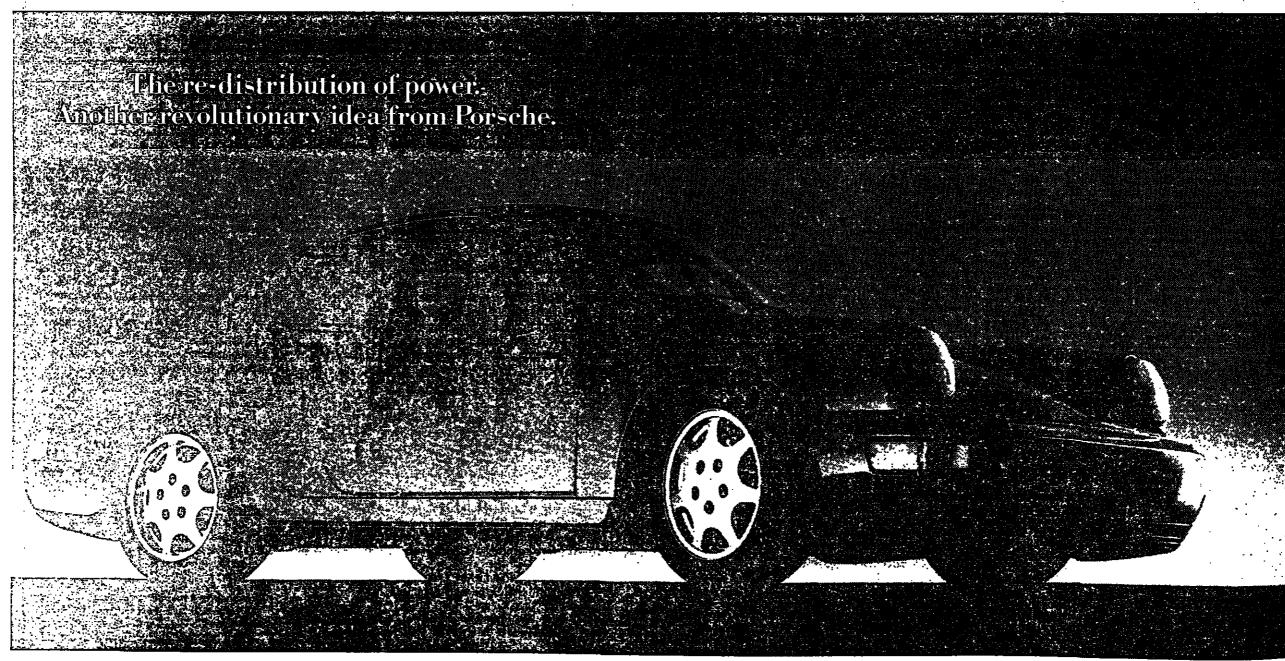
But will Mr Major's pragmatism and "open to all the talents" philosophy apply to public appointments too? Will he appoint advisory teams not because they can be relied upon not to come up with an ideologically inconvenient response but because they are the group most likely to provide a definite answer? Will his more patient temperament allow for the revival of royal commissions, too long-winded for Mrs Thatcher, to tackle some of the more intricate problems?

What will the classless Mr Major do about bonours - will he preside over lists restricting those "who do not qualify by rank for higher awards" to BEMs while their social betters can collect OBEs and CBEs? And what will he do with the knighthoods that Mrs Thatcher scattered so liberally to Tory

n the traditional Tory style of buying loyalty, she made nearly a hundred dames and knights. Had she created fewer, the argument now goes, she might still be prime minister. There were so many that the conferment of such an honour no longer made MPs feel so special with a handle that they must support their patron.

A few fewer and the loyalty factor might have found her the extra two votes she needed to scrape home on the first ballot. But Ted Heath went down partly because he gave too few.

For Mr Major the tightrope



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UK's longest-serving remand prisoner begins his sixth year

mand prisoner begins his sixth year behind bars today. He will wake, as on every other morning. to the sound of cell doors noisily opening and fellow inmates complaining as they slop out. The smell will be as distinctive and unpleasant as the day he was first taken into custody in 1985, a pungent mixture of disinfectant, cabbage and tobacco smoke. He will spend at least 23 hours

in his cell at Brixton poring over legal textbooks and case notes and contemplating again the extraordinary tangle of events that has brought about his period of incarceration without trial.

Lorrain Osman, aged 59, a Malaysian banker with British citizenship, is fighting extradition to Hong Kong on charges linked to the collapse of a company that left debts of nearly £700 million. Initially, he was treated as a routine remand prisoner but in July he was reclassified as a category A prisoner, "one whose escape would be highly dangerous to the public, or to the police, or the security of the state". The

Lorrain Osman has been in Brixton prison. without a trial. since 1985. He told Bill Frost of his fight to resist extradition to Hong Kong

Home Office is not obliged to justify the decision and refuses to

Mr Osman said: "I slop out at 8.30 and collect my breakfast. 1 have grown used to passing other prisoners carrying their pails while I am carrying food. At first I was disgusted, but you get used to anything."

After breakfast, he settles down with his legal papers. He does not usually bother taking the permitted hour of exercise. "I am too busy lighting this case, as I have been every day for the last five

with Mr Osman, who once enjoyed a millionaire lifestyle. "Every day there are carrots. I miss hot, spicey Malay food. There is a prison warder here who tells me about Malay meals he has eaten in Soho. It is torture to hear him."

He receives frequent visits from his lawyers and his wife Monica. He does not want his daughter to see him in the jail, "It is the nights that terrify me here. I wake up in the small hours wondering why I am behind bars. I miss my wife and daughter so

much it is like a physical pain."
Mr Osman is bailled about his category A status. "Do I look like a risk to anyone, let alone the security of the state?" The Free Osman campaigners argue that the Hong Kong government's alleged case against him is now in tatters. They point to the eightyear jail sentence for corruption imposed on Warwick Reid, the colony's deputy director of public prosecutions, who handled the Osman case from the start. This unprecedented chapter in British legal history began on December 6, 1985, when police arrived at the



Osman: "I will never return to face a show trial. Never"

Osman home in St John's Wood. northwest London, with an extradition warrant. Mr Osman, bis wife and daughter had fled to Britain from Malaysia, claiming that threats had been made against them.

The warrant sought Mr Osman's extradition to Hong Kong for alleged offences between 1979 and 1983 after the collapse of Carrian Investments, a shipping

and property group. Mr Osman, a have always been able to find new Cambridge-educated barrister, was chairman of Carrian's biggest creditor, a Hong Kong based subsidiary of BBMB, Malaysia's largest bank. It is alleged that he allowed loans to be made to the Carrian group without adequate security. "I am innocent," he said. The prosecution case does not stand up, but they want a scapegoat.

Committal proceedings for his extradition began six months after Mr Osman's arrest and lasted almost a year. An extradition warrant was granted but defence lawyers appealed, claiming that vital documents from Hong Kong were missing and that there were flaws in proce-

Last year, the Hong Kong Court of Appeal ruled that the original warrant of arrest, issued against him in 1985 on fraud charges, was not valid. The entire timeconsuming and complex procedure would have to begin again. Four writs of habeas corpus have been filed so far. Three have failed but Mr Osman and his lawvers

grounds, including missing documents and procedural flaws, to justify the issuing of further writs.

The High Court has reserved its judgment on the fourth. If the judgment goes against Mr Osman, he will once more search for new grounds to apply for habeas corous. "I could carry on like this forever," he said. "I am prepared to remain a remand prisoner for 50 years if the alternative is going to Hong Kong to face a show

Mrs Osman said: "If Lorrain concedes to extradition it is tantamount to saying there is a case to answer. There is not. He is a stubborn man and he will fight to the end."

The Osman case has attracted considerable interest at Westminster, with cross-party support for an early-day motion calling for an explanation. Chris Smith, a Labour backbencher, said: "It has never been explained why Lorrain Osman has not been granted bail, or why he was reclassified as category A. The idea of an elderly businessman planning a jail break

patently absurd."

Bruce Kent, vice-president of CND. said: "Questions of guilt and innocence pale to insignificance when compared with the gross infringement of natural justice which has taken place. This man has already done five years inside. He cannot return to Hong Kong because two potential witnesses in the case have already been killed. I want the Home Secretary to release him now."

In a further twist to the case, police with a warrant to search for firearms raided the Osman family home in London last week, prompting a call from Barry Sheerman, Labour's home affairs spokesman, for an urgent enquiry. No guns were found.

Mr Osman says he is "the most determined man you are ever likely to meet". Unbowed by sharing the maximum security wing with alleged IRA terrorists and others facing trial for very serious offences, he said: "I have infinite patience and will fight this to the end. I will never return to face a show trial. Never.'

Navy to warn fishermen of submarine movements

By KERRY GILL

Mr Hamilton said the

Last night Christine Rus-

tion, it's all too little and too

"The past two weeks have

wee ones ask when daddy is

where he has gone."
Brian Wilson, Labour's

spokesman on the Scottish

fishing industry, said: "It has

taken the Antares tragedy and

to produce a little bit of

common sense and humility

on the part of the MoD. That

leaves a bitter taste in the

of fishermen will lay flowers at

Later today female relatives

THE government agreed yes- there is considerable goodwill terday to provide fishermen on both sides." with details of submarine movements in the Firth of fishermen had been reason-Clyde to avoid a repetition of able in their demands and it last month's tragedy when had been right for the govern-HMS Trenchant sank the ment to "meet them half-Antares fishing boat killing way". It had not been a U-turn four Scottish crewmen. and the code of conduct was

At a meeting between fishermen and Archie Hamilbeing introduced partly because of the end of the Cold ton, the armed forces min-War. He added: "In the light ister, it was agreed that the of the terrible tragedy of the Royal Navy should disclose loss of this boat we really did when and where submarine feel that this could not go on in operations could be expected. the same way." The govern-Fishermen's leaders will also ment has ordered an enquiry attend trials, due to be held into the accident. within the next ten days, of bleepers fitted to fishing nets, sell, widow of the Antares skipper James Russell, said of which will increase warnings the government's code of conto submarines. duct: "Although their plans are a step in the right direc-

The concessions offered by Mr Hamilton, who yesterday said that it was highly likely late to be of any good to me and my family." Mrs Russell, who has three children, added: that the Trenchant, a hunterkiller submarine, had snagged the Antares's nets, came as a surprise to the fishermen and will almost certainly end the been hellish. At the moment possibility of a blockade of the we don't know even if the Fasiane submarine base on the bodies are in the Antares. The Gare Loch.

Patrick Stewart, secretary of the Clyde Fishermen's Associ- nowhere to take them to show ation, said: "This is an extraordinary change in policy from the MoD and it is tragic that it should come after four of our fishermen have died. We have constant consulta- all the subsequent arguments tions as far as surface operations are concerned and this will be extended immediately

to submarine operations." He said that the association would be told in advance of areas occupied by submarines. If no notification about an area were given, the fishermen could assume it to be clear. Further talks on the code of conduct would be held with the navy at Faslane tomorrow. He added: "Of course, much agree the details but I perceive early next week. Sex charge trial told of arrest The mother of a man accused

of sexually assaulting and trying to murder a seven-yearold girl burst into tears yesterday as she told a court of the night he was arrested.

Sylvia Bishop said that when police arrived at Russell Bishop's home in Lewes Road, Brighton, East Sussex, Det Inspector Malcolm Bacon had told her the "little girl has picked him out and we have got genetic fingerprinting". Lewes crown court has been

told the girl picked out Bishop at an identity parade after his arrest. DNA evidence was not available until later. Mr Bishop denies charges of kidnap, attempted murder, at-tempting to choke the girl and indecent assault. The trial continues today.

Smarties alert

A nation-wide warning has been issued by Nottinghamshire police after three poten-tially harmful blue heart tablets were discovered in a tube of Smarties bought in a Nottingham shop.

Police dismissal

Alan Lees, a police surgeon with South Wales Constabu-lary, has been dismissed from the £40,000-a-year job after an enquiry into allegations that he used the force's facilities to treat private patients.

Unsafe helmets A survey by Nottingham trad-

coming home because there is | ing standards officers of cycle safety helmets has revealed that two out of three fail safety regulations and that some are dangerous. They cost between £20 and £40.

New reservoir Thames Water plans to build a

£200 million reservoir near Abingdon in Oxfordshire. The mile-square reservoir site will be chosen after a two-year

£20,000 raid

the gates of Faslane in memory of the Antares's crew. Burglars stole a safe containing jewellery and valuables Three of the men came from worth more than £20,000 from the isolated country



'A disaster waiting to happen' at Camelford

THE accidental poisoning in 1988 of water supplies at Camelford, Cornwall, had been a disaster waiting to happen, the prosecution said yesterday at Exeter crown court, where the South West Water Authority faces charges over the incident, which affected 20,000 homes.

Poor management, sloppy working practices and unacceptable laxity were all admitted by the company after the incident, Francis Gilbert said for the prosecution. When a senior manager was dismissed and two others demoted, the authority was in effect accepting it had failed in its duty to the public, he said.

The authority, which has since been privatised, denies allowing poisonous aluminium sulphate to enter the the river Camel, causing a public nuisance and failing to warn the public of the danger.

Mr Gilbert said a report commissioned by the authority criticised its working practices and its failure to warn the public not to drink the water. The report, which was accepted, was "an indictment from one end of the organisation to the other". The authority did not do enough to explore the likely medical effects of the pollution, he said.

The case continues today.

Carradale, Kintyre, in Strathconist. "When I started on clyde, and the fourth was from the road in the 1960s I had home of Sir Robin Dunne, Campbeltown, several miles 40 or 50 customers to call fomer High Court judge, at Allerford, near Minehead, Somerset, yesterday. down the coast. It is hoped on," he said. "Now there are depends on whether we can that the vessel will be raised only about 12 left."

FOR the past four years Jimmy's, the everyday story of life in a big city hospital, has been broadcast in more than 100 half-hour programmes on the independent television network, making St James's University hospital in Leeds among the best known in Britain.

Ian Donnachie, the hospital's general manager, has just completed negotiations for a further 26 programmes. The next two series will show the effects of the hospital becoming a self-governing trust on April 1. Mr Donnachie said: "In hindsight, the programmes might almost have been made with the coming development in mind. They have helped to raise the profile of the hospital

"It has been very beneficial and it will clearly be an asset to aid our continuing business development as a trust. It has also helped in the

it is clear that NHS trusts

Europe's largest teaching hospital, St James's in Leeds, is to become an NHS trust. Peter Davenport spoke to the man overseeing the change

James's is Europe's largest teaching hospital and the busiest general hospital in Britain, each year dealing with 50,000 inpatients, 250,000 outpatients, 100,000 accident and emergency cases and delivering 4,500 babies in the maternity unit.

Its pathology laboratories annually handle a million requests for testing of samples and the radiology unit carries out 750,000 procedures a year. The hospital has an annual budget of about £60 million and a workforce of 4,500, includ-

recruitment of staff." St and about 2,000 people in

support services. It caters for the needs of the 350,000 residents of the eastern district of Leeds, and provides specialist services for the county as a whole and far beyond, particularly in childhood cancer, neurology, plastic surgery, renal and liver transplantation and cystic fibrosis. It also provides services for 90 different health authorities.

Most of the 1,390 beds are in buildings developed since St James's became a principal teaching hospital in 1970. Further developments ing 1,800 nurses, more than in childhood cancer services and a new £15 million unit,

Twist in the tale for Jimmy's story including theatres, intensive care units and a six-bed liver transplantion ward, are planned for 1993. The hospital also wants to pursue a programme of minimally

Anthony Alton, chairman of

Britain's last family firm of

cigar manufacturers, in the

sorting room of E. Alton of

Nottingham, which is closing

after 128 years. Mr Alton's

great-grandfather founded the firm in 1862 (John

Young writes). It moved to its

site half a mile from the city

centre in 1897, and in the 1920s employed some 120

people. Mr Alton attributed

the demise to pressure from

the anti-smoking lobby, the

ending of resale price maintenance and the decline

of the specialist retail tobac-

The decision to become a self-governing trust was initially opposed by many staff, who were concerned about the effect on their jobs, training and research programmes, and about patients' fears regarding the impact of the move. Yesterday, Mr Donnachie said: "I believe we now have a large measure of support among our staff.

quarters about the governthe by-products of that were being treated here for cancer, thought it meant we were going private and leaving the NHS."

Some of the criticism of

will come into being on December 21, after the appointment of a chairman and five executive and five non-executive directors. Mr. Donnachie will be chief executive.

The English Chamber Orchestra plays Mozart, with champagne accompaniment.

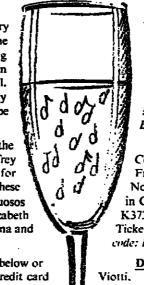
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December 10, QEH, 7.45pm. Conductor to be announced. Violinist: Frank Peter Zimmermann, Symphony No.25 in G Minor, K183; Violin Concerto in G, K216; Adagio in E, K261; Rondo in C, K373; Symphony No.41 in C. Jupiter, K551. Tickets are £15, £13, £11, £7 and £5, Booking code: E QEH IODEC K.

Viotti, December 11, QEH, 7.45pm. Marcello Viotti, conductor: Ingrid Haebler, piano: Symphony No.35, Haffner, K385; Piano Concerto in A, K414; Symphony No.39 in E Flat, K543. Tickets are £13, £11, £9, £7.50, £5, Booking code: E QEH IIDEC K.

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BICENTENARY FESTIVAL

Trusts will stay in the NHS ALTHOUGH hospitals that will not be given the capital umes of work and quality they hoped for in their become self-governing trusts applications to the health

will opt out of local health authority control, they will stay inside the national health service (Jill Sherman writes). They will, however, be able to set their own pay authorities, GP budget holdrates for all health service ers, private hospitals and staff, including doctors, and borrow capital from the private sector up to a specified limit set by the Treasury. each other and with other The ceiling for that has directly managed hospitals. yet to be decided, although Contracts, specifying vol-

The trusts will manage their own assets and finance themselves by selling services to district health employers. They will trade in the new internal market control. from April, competing with

standards, will be drawn up in advance.

If self-governing hospitals fail to attract enough work, theoretically they could go out of business. The government has, however, indicated that it would intervene and bring such hospitals back into health authority

Trust boards will have four executive members and a chairman appointed by the secretary of state.

invasive surgery.

"At the beginning, there was considerable hostility and almost hysteria in some ment's reforms and some of sad. The parents of one child from outside our area but

teaching hospitals centred on their financial troubles. In the past, St James's has missed out on about £4 million because it could not be paid for treatment for patients from outside its immediate area of responsibility.

The trust for St James's

Impoverishment is the price of failure

By ROSEMARY RIGHTER

TRADE is livelihoods. Failure in Brussels will mean two things. The first is a lost opportunity to free trade in important sectors - agriculture, services and textiles which have never been brought under international rules. That could cost the world \$4,000 billion (£2,000 billion) this decade. The second is a weakening of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (Gatt), the arbiter of the non-discriminatory trading sys-tem which has served the world so well since 1948. The result will be lost growth and increasingly acrimonious trade wars.

The main victims will be the East European and Third World countries which have embarked on difficult market reforms. To pay for restructuring and grow their way out of debt, they desperately need better access to foreign markets, and are critically dependent on the survival, and strengthening, of Gatt. For them, the Uruguay round offered a new deal for market-led recovery, which could double the value of

world trade in the 1990s. Collapse of the talks could impose such severe extra strains as to jeopardise the consolidation of democracy in these countries. But no country will be untouched, certainly not Britain, half of whose exports go to countries outside the European Community.

The danger is that countries and regions will turn in on themselves, relying on special trade deals with neighbours or the markets which matter most to them. Increased protectionism, by reducing the pace of economic growth worldwide, means impoverishment for millions. Just as seven years of steady growth in trade show signs of faltering, the world will lose the spur it needs to avoid recession.

Since the 1940s, Gatt has succeeded in getting governments to slash average tariffs on manufactured goods from 40 per cent in the 1940s to around 5 per cent. Governments are unlikely to backtrack, so that gain will not necessarily be lost. But they will cheat, by multiplying "non-tariff" barriers against imports, such as "voluntary export restraints" and bogus anti-dumping penalties. Giant rival trading blocs are



Paddy protester: a Japanese rice farmer in Brussels yesterday demonstrating his displeasure with Gatt

Japan and almost everybody over

cars and electronic goods, would

spread to new sectors. In agri-

culture, where protectionism costs

taxpayers in the industrialised

world \$250 billion a year, the

gloves will be off as governments

This gloomy scenario is justified

top each others' subsidies.

already in the making - the single market of the European Community (closely linked to the six countries of the European Free Trade Association); a North American free trade zone which could expand to include most of Latin America; and Japan, the magnet for Southeast Asia.

Countries within these blocs would accord each other preferential treatment. The danger is they could become "fortress" free trade areas. The blocs could also conduct trade wars against each other.

The squabbles between the EC and the US over things such as corn gluten and steel, and between

Este; and the steps already taken by such powerful governments as the US to insure against failure. In 1986, governments agreed

by two factors: the trend away

time the Uruguay round was launched in 1986 in Punta del

free trade, evident at the

that if Gatt's non-discriminatory trading regime was to survive, Gatt must be expanded and given sharper teeth. Gatt has been one of the postwar world's more improbable success stories. It is an agreement, not an organisation, a stop-gap accord sewn up in 1948 to get trade moving while waiting for an International Trade Organisation to be set up. The ITO was stillborn so Gatt soldiered on and created rules which helped world trade to grow five-fold between 1950 and 1975.

But in the 1980s, partly in response to Japan's trade surpluses, public support for free trade was evaporating and govern-ments were inventing "invisible" trade barriers to bypass Gatt rules. Too much economic activity, moreover - textiles, agriculture and services (a sector which now accounts for a fifth of world trade) in particular - was outside Gatt

was to create rules for these sectors, provide protection for patents and foreign investment which would encourage trade, and give Gatt stronger powers to settle trade disputes. The spur was an American threat to abandon Gatt and set its own rules.

If the Uruguay round collans the United States has a well-honed weapon ready, section 301 of the 1988 Trade Act, described by Carla Hills, the American trade representative, as a "crowbar". Section 301 was introduced to fend off an amendment to the act which would have triggered antomatic retaliation against any comtry running a consistent trade surplus with the US. Instead, Congress has powers to require the US administration to identify protectionist countries and open negotiations with them before imposing retaliatory sanctions.

If the EC, to protect the common agricultural policy, allows the Uruguay round to fail, Section 301 could set precedents for more such laws, destroying the multilateral trading system on which Europe's prosperity, as the world's largest trading bloc, depends.

Subsidies wrangle

Deft manoeuvring by America puts EC in the dock

By Michael Hornsby and Peter Guilford

AVERTING a collapse of the Gatt EC versus the rest of the world." negotiations and a return to the beggar-my-neighbour trading policies of the 1930s may now depend on a trade-off between the European Community's desire for a free market in services and the United States' insistence on free trade in agricultural products.

Skilful manoeuvring by the Americans has left the EC standing alone in the dock, accused of holding the rest of the world to ransom by its refusal to dismantle the protection afforded to its nine million farmers.

Washington is backed by a formidable array of allies, notably the Cairns group of 14 food-exporting nations, which include Australia, New Zealand, Canada, Argentina and Brazil, enabling one US negotiator to claim: "It is not the EC versus the US but the

Poorest likelv to lose out

By ALICE THOMSON

THIRD world countries, brought into Gatt negotiations for the first time, expect to be the biggest losers if trade talks break down. Their belief in the best form of assistance being trade necessitates the ending of Western subsidies and the opening up of competitive trade within a common agricultural policy.

"Even though emerging sectors have cheap labour and land costs, they are not in a strong position to compete against the protected grain mountains of Europe and America and they're stumbling," Kathleen Newland, lecturer in international relations at the London School of Economics. said. Developing countries have fixed on Gatt as the catalyst that will propel them out of poverty and into the world market. "I would not be overly sanguine, even if Gatt does work. The playing fields may have been levelled, but there will still be underconsumption and over-

production in the West." For undeveloped countries with little export, such as Chad, the trade negotiations will have no direct impact on most of the agricultural community of subsistence farmers. If subsidies are cut and the European food mountains dwindle, these countries will suffer momentarily, but will gain slowly as imports in hard currency

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With the spotlight trained on the community's common agricultural policy, America's insistence on the right to maintain controls on services, and in particular to grant some countries greater access to its markets than others, has received less attention.

The EC, which earns almost three times as much from banking, transport and other services as it does from agricultural exports, is offering to open its markets to foreign services in many sectors, and partially in others, on condition that America applies the most-favoured-nation clause, by which a trade benefit to one country is extended to all.

Concessions by the EC on agriculture remain the key to a Gatt settlement because most of the other difficulties would probably melt away if these were forthcoming. The political clout of the farming lobby in France and Germany, however, restricts the EC's room for manoeuvre.

The EC's Achilles' heel is its heavy dependence on export and import co prop up farmers' prices. The effect is to limit exporters' access to the EC market and also to depress world food prices.

America's powerful grain lobby sees a chance to regain lucrative world markets lost to the EC in the early and mid-1980s. That aim coincides with the interest of other food-exporting countries in freer farm trade. One estimate is that abolition of all farm subsidies would increase the foreign exchange earnings of net farm exporting countries in the developing world by \$50 billion (£25 billion) and world farm trade as a

whole by \$100 billion. Washington and its allies want a 75 per cent cut in internal subsidies and a 90 per cent cut in export subsidies. The EC is offering a 30 per cent cut over the period 1986-96 without any specific promise to reduce export subsidies. The EC argues that, as internal prices are lowered, food surpluses will fall and export

subsidies will decline over time. Although the EC and the United States are at each other's throats over agriculture, they are working together behind the scenes to toughen up Gatt's anti-dumping rules. They want to use these against the cut-price technology

goods from the Far East. In return, developing nations want the rich to stop stifling their textiles producers by imposing quotas. In one serious concession by the West, the textile arrangement is expected to disappear over the next decade.

Paying farmers, page 12



Face of the Great Depression: an unemployed American worker in the 1930s, a victim of protectionism

lapse of the Uruguay Round? In

Since the mid-19th century, three key epochs in the international economy can be discerned. The first was the liberal economic order, inaugurated with Britain's repeal of the Corn Laws, which lasted until the late 1870s. The second marked gradual erosion between 1870 and 1913, and the collapse of this liberal order. The third, since the last world war, has seen the evolution of a new liberal order, which despite buffetings has survived and provided

unprecedented global prosperity.

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supported the administration's

agreement" stance.

the 21st century".

"no agreement is better than a bad

Mrs Hills has calculated the

benefits of a successful conclusion

to the Uruguay Round at \$4,000

billion (about £2,062 billion) over

the coming decade and has called

Gatt the "locomotive that would

drive world economic growth into

Protectionism

Vested interests draw battle lines

talks collapse, the world trading community faces a return to protectionism and with it recession, which have dogged economic growth several times during trade wars in the last

It is the German and French desire to appease the vested interests of their farmers which must be held responsible for the likely breakdown. What are the other likely consequences of colanswering this question many observers have harked back to the global trade wars which followed the American adoption of the

Smoot-Hawley tariff in 1930.

eralism, free trade spread around the world as a result of British example and leadership. Even then, only The Netherlands and the UK were complete free traders. Nevertheless this period of increasing free trade saw a spectacular increase in world trade

IF THE current round of Gatt and output. The value of international trade doubled between 1830 and 1850 and quadrupled over the next 30 years.

But by the 1870s, the erosion of the liberal system had begun. The retreat of the United States from free trade began with the institu-tion of tariffs to pay for their civil war. But it was Bismarck's forging of the infamous alliance of interes between "rye and steel", sealed with imposition of tariff to please the regional German special interest, that began the slide towards European protection. Once con-cessions had been made to some interest groups, the government found it difficult to withhold protection to others. From the 1890s onwards, competitive tariff escalation became common, spilling over into tariff wars. 36 commercial treaties between trading bloc were renegotiated. Only Britain, The Netherlands and Denmark maintained free trade during this period.

The competition for colonies, and the clash of arms that resurgent economic nationalism engendered, led to the first world war and the lost decades of this century. The international ecosure of two world wars and the Great Depression. The latter was greatly exacerbated by the introduction of the Smoot-Hawley Tariff in 1930. Although in 1929 tariffs were higher than in 1913 they were still non-discriminatory and were the only barriers to trade The adoption of the Smoot-Haw ley Tariff led to another cycle of tariff wars, with disastrous effects. There was a contracting spiral of world trade which shrank by early 1933 to a third of its 1929 value.

It was to avoid a similar disaster that Gatt was set up, and it has seen a remarkable liberalisation of world trade. This had engendered an unprecedented global boom, similar to that during the first period of liberal reform in the 19th century. The collapse of the Uruguay Round because of the desire of the German and French governments to appease their vested rural interests shows an uncanny resemblance to the first step in the erosion of the 19thcentury liberal economic order. The erosion of the post-war liberal

order would be difficult to avoid. Deepak Lal is professor of political economy at University College,

Jobs threat

German farmers fight to survive

TWO-thirds of Germany's farmers would be forced off the land if American proposals for cutting agricultural subsidies at this week's Gatt talks were implemented, Baron Constantin Heereman, president of the German Farmers' Association, said

here yesterday. Even the European Community's first offer of a 30 per cent cut over the next decade would slash the agricultural industry's income by up to DM 10 billion (£3.5 billion) a year, he said, and more and more peasant farmers would find it impossible to survive.

This year, he said, had seen the price of beef, pork, milk and cereals pushed down so far that farmers were already facing a 30 per cent drop in profits and the average income for a family would be only around DM 25,000.

The association represents the 650,000 small farmers in Germany and its membership is currently dwindling by between 15,000 and 20,000 a year. "The situation in our farm businesses just cannot bear any further income cut backs," said Baron Heereman, who has just been reelected as a Christian Democratic member of the Bundestag.

He said he had met Helmut Kohl, the chancellor, just before last weekend's elections and had been promised that the government would not stop supporting farmers once the voting was over. The chancellor had told him that he recognised the peasant farmers as "an indispensible group" and promised that he would not abandon them. "We trust his

word," Baron Heereman said. The power of the German farming lobby is out of all proportion to the fact that it accounts for just 1.7 per cent of the western part of the country's wealth and employs only 3.5 per cent of the working population. Herr Kohl recognised this repeatedly in speeches during his election campaign, insisting that the country needed its yeoman peasant farmers not only to produce 80 per cent of the nation's food but to preserve the environment.

The association continues to emphasise the danger to the environment of allowing too many small farms to be taken over and turned into large agricultural units. Destroying small farms, it argues, will depopulate the countryside, wreck village life and lead to the destruction of nature through large scale agricultural techniques. This is already happening.

Whatever the eventual outcome of the Gatt negotiations, falling incomes and EC quotas are inexorably changing the structure of German agriculture. At present 95 per cent of farms are of less than 125 acres. In the past two years, onsidered good ones, the income of the average 45 acre farm was only around DM 40,000 a year of which one third was made up of subsidy payments. This is already some 20 per cent below the current industrial average wage and means that almost half the farmers have had to take a second job to supplement their income. This year's bad returns are accelerating

Not only are thousands of owners every year giving up and selling their land to large combines, but the number of young people training to work on the land has been halved since 1986, with only around 8,000 registered

The association is trying to persuade the government to take up the idea of cutting all areas of farm production by the im-position of quotas, with com-pensation paid for loss of income through an increase in prices and a payment of DM 300 a year for each acre left lying fallow. The idea, however, could only work if high import tariffs round the community protected farmers from competition of cheap imports from outside the EC.

American view

Midwest families sure of survival

From Susan Ellicott in Washington

LYLE Scheelhause raises livestock and grows maize on his 900acre farm on the plains of western lowa, where hedgeless expanses of the crop run for miles interrupted only by silos. Recently he was asked what farmers in his region of the US heartland thought of the dispute with the European Community over farming subsidies.

"To tell the truth," he said, while American and EC negotiators several thousand miles away in Geneva struggled in vain to end an impasse that threatens to wreck the ambitious international trade talks, "they're not really up on it." The Midwestern state's economy is buoyant as many other parts of the country head towards a recession, and Mr Scheelhause said, its farming families "think they'll be okay what-

ever happens" The apparent indifference of Mr Scheelhause's colleagues around Sioux City contrasts with the anxiety of American industrialists. who are relying on the Uruguay Round to introduce international rules for new areas of trade, including patents and copyrights. But congressional opposition to the round is strong, especially as US lawmakers, already notori-

ously protectionist, seek to please local industries in the run-up to a likely recession. Like many of America's large-scale farmers, lawmakers have little patience with the EC's refusal to end its protection for small uneco

Carla Hills, the US trade representative, has indicated that she wil do everything necessary to promote American trade if the round fails, raising the spectre of bilateral trade agreements, the imposition of punishing tariffs on imports and the development, many experts fear, of regional trading blocs.

Leading members of Congress, including Lloyd Bentsen, a Texas Democrat, and Max Baucus, a Montana Democrat, have publicly

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Museum building review ordered

Tim Renton, the arts minister, is setting in hand an initiative to review the building renovation needs of the national museums and galleries.

In a Commons written reply, he said that the review should be completed by next summer. At present, his department is providing £189 million over the next three years towards the maintenance

needs of the buildings.
The Theatres Trust is carrying out a study to establish whether a systematic examination of the national state of theatres could be undertaken.

Europe's ICL pledge

The European Commission as assured ministers that ICL. Britain's last mainframe computer manufacturer, taken over by Sujitsu, would still be regarded as a British company in considering collaborative research and development projects, Edward Leigh, industry and consumer affairs minister, said at questions.

Export ban

The government has de-cided, in the light of recent developments, to extend the controls on the export of chemical weapons and chemical plant and equipment for chemical weapon purposes, Tim Sainsbury, the trade minister, said at questions.

Enough work

Trading standards officers are already responsible for enforcement of 30 acts of Parliament and 900 regulations, Edward Leigh, industry and corporate affairs minister, said at question time when he declined to add new duties on preventing the sale of unroadworthy

Gulf line

A Royal Mail parcelforce hotline, 0800 224466, has been set up to deal with enquiries on postal arrangements to the Gulf.

Parliament today Commons (2.30): Ques-

tions: Treasury; prime minister. Debate on developments in the EC. Lords (3): New Roads and Street Works bill, committee, second day.

difficult task of amending the

statute book when they in-troduced bills in the House of

Commons. Their plans for

reform cover subjects as varied as the law on the sale of cigarettes to children and the

powers of grazing committees

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Few if any private mem-

through in the face of govern-

The bills were given formal first readings yesterday and

for which they are set down for

January 18: Children and Young Persons (Protection

second reading debate.

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ment hostility.

Chancellor agrees that Britain is in recession

By SHEILA GUNN, POLITICAL REPORTER

NORMAN Lamont accepted yesterday that Britain was in recession but ruled out a quick cut in interest rates or shortterm fiscal measures to bail out industry.

that the downturn in growth rower bands. was "relatively short-term and shallow.

cessor. John Major, in asserting that the headline inflation figure of 10.9 per cent had peaked and should come down to about 5.5 per cent by the end of next year.

Pressed by MPs about a recession, the chancellor said that Britain had suffered a one-quarter decline, which was the American definition of a recession, while the technical definition was a two-

quarter decline. "I prefer the commonsense definition of is business really rough and business is really rough", he said.

In his opening statement, Mr Lamont said: "The out-look at the moment is particularly uncertain because of events in the Gulf. But it is clear that the right policies we have pursued are now really beginning to have their effect.

I believe our forecast of inflation falling sharply to around 5.5 per cent by the end of next year is an achievable

"The headline figure may well have peaked and the underlying rate should start to

come down."

He said his top priority, as was his predecessor's priority, was to get inflation down "and keep it down".

Until that happened there was no question of reducing interest rates. "So there will be no question of reducing in-terest rates further until I am sure it is safe to do so."

Public attention has shifted, he added, from inflation and balance of payments to the slowdown in industrial perfor-mance and its effect on jobs.

He also indicated a tough pay bargaining round for the public sector, insisting that the government should pay no more than necessary to retain and recruit workers.

The priorities for the public should be the same, he said, although the government had

not always set a good example. "We must not do that and we must drive a hard bargain", the chancellor told the

On Britain's membership of the exchange-rate mechanism

January 25: Pig Husbandry;

Domestic Smoke Alarms:

Wildlife and Countryside

Health Service (Compensation); Local Government Finance (Publicity for Auditors'

Reports); Aircraft (Noise Re-

ment for Children).
February 22: Courts (Research); Road Traffic (Tem-

Councils (Access to Inform-

March 1: Estate Agents

(Property Misdescriptions):

February 8: Public Safety

February 1: National

(Amendment).

TREASURY

system, he said that Britain was absolutely committed to In his debut as Chancellor staying within the ERM bands of the Exchequer before the announced in October. He Commons Treasury com- saw no immediate prospect, mittee. Mr Lamont predicted however, of entering the nar-

"Obviously, I am a bit cautious about that. There is He also followed his prede- no timetable that has been set and we would need to have more experience of being in exchange-rate mechanism."

Under questioning from MPs, he denied that he is now taking a more positive stance on European monetary union than in his speech to the Eurosceptics in the Bruges group during the Conservative party leadership contest.

The government remains opposed to an imposed single currency, but it is not against the hard ecu evolving over the long term, he said.

"My attitude is not that Europe is full of ogres and spectres but ... to engage in negotiations constructively." He added: "We must

participate constructively in the inter-governmental con-ferences [in Rome this month] and must do our hardest to reach an agreement that satisfies our interests and could be reconciled with those of our Community partners."



Eating ministers is wrong: Kenneth Baker (right) visiting Wandsworth jail yesterday

Labour | fight on money union

By NICHOLAS WOOD POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

EUROPE

LABOUR'S internal divisions over economic and monetary union were exposed yesterday at a meeting of the parliamentary party.
Peter Shore, the former

cabinet minister, led an attack on the leadership's tentative acceptance of a single currency, with the open backing of two of his colleagues.

In an open letter to Neil Kinnock, Mr Shore and his supporters said that they were shocked and surprised by the statement issued by the Labour's ruling national executive committee last week.

In remarks echoing a letter in The Times yesterday, they said it was extraordinary that Labour was prepared to bow to European pressure for a single currency while simultaneously acknowledging the unbearable strains of joining a monetary union before achieving full convergence of European economies.

Mr Shore said after the meeting that it was a grave mistake for Labour to accept the principle of a single currency. Abandoning the eco-nomic latitude conferred by a national currency would prove particularly disastrous for a Labour government committed to reducing unemployment and building up the country's industrial base. Mr Shore and Harry Ewing, Labour MP for Falkirk East, were critical of the alleged lack of consultation about the pol-

'Armed force for EC'

DEFENCE

THE Liberal Democrats called yesterday for the European Community to develop a common foreign and defence policy leading to a multi-national armed force.

Paddy Ashdown, the Liberal Democrat leader, also called for European economic and monetary union to be achieved by 1997 rather than three years earlier and said the government must promote the use of the European currency unit (ecu) in both public and private business transactions.

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Outlining the views of European Liberal Democrats, Mr Ashdown said that the Community should establish a council of ministers to shape a common foreign and security policy. A commissioner for security and defence would be appointed.

Mr Ashdown said: "The Gulf crisis has exposed the shortcomings of European political co-operation. It is now imperative that we move towards a common foreign and security policy."

In addition to economic and monetary union and the development of a common defence policy, the Commu-nity's political processes needed reform, he said. A paper from the European Liberal Democrat group says that the inter-governmental conferences in Rome should agree to give full co-decisionmaking powers to the directly elected European parliament

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from Tobacco); Radioactive Criminal Procedure (Insanity Material (Road Transport); and Unfitness to Plead). Parliament tries to save the children

Backbench efforts

to change law

TWENTY backbench MPs Employment (Upper Age embarked yesterday on the Limits in Advertisements).

bers' bills manage to over- Information; Registered come the obstacles before Homes; Trade Descriptions

them unless the government provides support or takes a neutral stand. No bill will get through in the face of government for the support of takes a neutral stand. No bill will get through in the face of government (Animal Testing).

February 15: Badgers; Crofter Forestry (Scotland); Motor Vehicles (Safety Equip-

are listed below on the Fridays porary Restrictions); Parish

MPs AND peers from all parties and their staff came together yesterday to launch a parliamentary effort to save the forgotten children in Romania's mental institutions (Sheila Gunn writes).

The group's first action will be to raise money to turn Home Number Six near Bucharest from a concrete "nightmare" into a centre of excellence as an example to the hundreds of similar institutions for mentally handicapped children. Lord Mackay of Clashfern, the Lord Chancellor, and Bernard Weatherill, the Speaker, are to be the

a trip to Eastern Europe. vative MP for West Devon handicapped children", she and Torridge and chairman of said.

HOMANIA

"This is the first parliamentary appeal of its kind. These Romanian children tugged our heart strings so much that we are bound to

A former Save the Children fund official, she had been shocked by the depth of squalor and corruption in the home. The children were covered in flies, lice and open sores and lived amid sodden bedding within a concrete and no personal possessions and

no family. "Home Number Six is one delegation to the home during of about 200 equally grim



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The group was set up after a Emma Nicholson, Conser- dreds of mostly mentally

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CHARGED AT 15%

US troops arrest leader of Panama rebels after siege

police who seized their headquarters on Tuesday night surrendered to American soldiers yesterday and their lead-er — a former police chief colonel's followers suddenly accused of plotting to overthrow Panama's civilian government — was later held after Retired Colonel Eduardo and made to lie face down in escaping in the confusion.

Herrera Hassan took over the the street, Colonel Herrera National Police headquarters climbed into a waiting vehicle in the capital at the head of at and drove off, but was later least 20 rebels after a dramatic captured in a block of flats. escape by helicopter from the island prison where he had been held since October for allegedly planning a military

President Endara called in American troops from US bases along the Panama Canal to take control.

With the area surrounding the seized building sealed off the mountains north of the by soldiers in full combat gear, capital before turning up sev-Colonel Herrara walked out of the building, encircled by about 20 of his followers and a chaotic group of journalists.

He walked briskly through

three separate military cordons and escaped. The American soldiers appeared not to recognise him, although he had been the American choice to lead Panama's reorganised security forces in the after-math of the invasion 12

ran towards the confused

Americans and offered their

The drama began as dusk

fell on Tuesday when the

colonel made a dramatic jail-

break. A private helicopter

swooped into the grounds of

the maximum security prison

on an island off the entrance of the canal and picked up the

colonel in a hail of gunfire. He

was flown to a police post in

eral hours later to seize his

former headquarters on the

rived, the colonel said he had

escaped because state pros-

ecutors had tried to torture

him psychologically into con-

fessing to the "absurd fiction"

that he had tried to overthrow

the government. He later

talked with Ramon Lima, the

deputy interior minister, and

Before the Americans ar-

edge of the city.

surrender. It was apparently a

Manuel Noriega.

of the military standing of Panama's security forces, which have been largely disarmed and reduced to a police left the area for the streets of a force under the Americanbacked civilian authorities. Colonel Herrers said be had

the support of 600 police at barracks throughout the country but President Endara insisted that the country's 12,500 police remained loyal to the government. Since the invasion, many senior milianders who served in the corrupt regime of General Noriega have been dismissed and 50 of them are in iail. General Norieza is in prison in Miami awaiting trial on drug trafficking charges. In a separate development

the government has expelled

two Cuban diplomats from Panama in a row over telephone calls from General Noriega to a former political confidant who has been in asylum in the Cuban embassy since the invasion. The een eral's calls from custody have been routinely monitored by American prison authorities, sparking a legal controversy in the United States. Panama says the tapes include conversations in which the general passed instructions to his associate to ferment political unrest. It blames the Cubans



Back home: Mother Teresa, who was born in Albania, smiling as she meets children at a kindergarten in Tirana, the capital, before being awarded one of the country's highest honours, the Order of Naim Frasheri, by Nexhmije Hoxha, widow of the communist leader

Polar mining ban backed

the world's largest environ- servation of Nature, meeting ments a permanent exclusion'

Britain was almost the only dissenting voice, and its opposition drew fire from many campaigners among the 1,200

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in Western Australia.

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Bush keeps faith with a new order for New World

the rhetoric of peace and war, since Lyndon Johnson's in President Bush and his entourage have reached the midpoint of a South American tour that critics call pointless and supporters say is vital for event of the trade talks the continent in the long term. collapsing and the world

This weeklong goodwill tour has been long on distance and short on substance. Behind the White House travellers are Brazil, Uruguay and Argentina. Ahead are today's talks in Chile and a long flight to Venezuela.

creat store by South America. fellow American presidents there that his worries over Eastern Europe and the Gulf have not driven their concerns from his agenda. Since he has little cash to spend, the symbolism of his appearances is all the greater. Even if his reception has not always been overwhelming (in Brasilia the parliament chamber was "not exactly packed", as one loyal aide put it), Mr Bush has judged his visit worthwhile.

Its chief aim is to sell the distant ambition of a pan-American free-trade zone that would stretch from Alaska to Tierra del Fuego. Mr Bush has instead announcing the dawn of a "new" New World.

The president does not have the ability to make an old coinage seem newly minted. but this concept looks forward to a commonwealth of freetrading democracies which will enrich each other much as do the members of the European Community. For the moment, however, it is an ambition for the very distant and California, who will have travelling hopefully.

WITH Washington torn by was the first by a US president 1967. Mr Bush has also been keen to send a gentle message to the squabbling Gatt negotiators in Geneva that, in the dividing into European and Japanese economic blocs, the become a self-protecting trade

bioc too. So far, the new initiatives from Washington have been small: a proposed \$300 mil-Mr Bush has always set lion (£155 million) investment fund announced in June, He has wanted to reassure some tiny food loans which more ambitious debt-relief programme that died along with the 101st Congress a few weeks ago, and some easing of strictions against Chile. But the Bush rhetoric has been designed to make the most of what little has been achieved and hold out the prospect of more for the future.

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His advisers even managed to put a positive gloss on the army uprising in Argentina only two days before his visit. Lawrence Eagleburger, the deputy Secretary of State, said: "My argument would be that, called for an end to talk of a fundamentally, democracy in first world and a third world. Argentina is working and when this is over it will demonstrate that the roots are fairly deep."

When Mr Bush launched his initiative for the Americas in June, he spoke of the programme having three pillars: trade, investment and debt. These, it is hoped, will replace the previous drugs, immigration and debt.

The region's crushing debt burden has been discussed future. The United States is only lightly on the present still adapting to the effects of trip. There have been no new its free-trade agreement with drugs initiatives, and illegal Canada. Next in line is Mex- immigration awaits the soluico, whose politicians are still tion of open borders. But, considering the likely impact even if the builders of the new on their highly protected in. New World have not yet dustries. The workers of Texas arrived, the architect is still to compete with cheap Mexi- @ BUENOS AIRES: Presi-

can labour, have barely begun dent Bush arrived here yesterto contemplate the effects. day at the start of a one-day Mr Bush believes Brazil, visit Hours before his arrival. Uruguay and Chile must be two bombs exploded outside assured that United States branches of the US-owned interests do not stop at its Chase Manhatten Bank, causimmmediate neighbours. The ing slight damage. Nobody

visit to Uruguay, for example, was injured. (Reuter) Dhaka chief justice to replace Ershad

THE Bangladeshi opposition yesterday selected the chief justice of the supreme court to head a caretaker government, meeting President Ershad's people's wrath if the general

condition for resigning.

The candidacy of the chief justice, Shahabuddin Ahmed, was expected to be accepted by parliament on Saturday with General Ershad's support, according to an opposition leader, Begum Khaleda Zia Sheikh Hasina Wazed, another opposition leader, con-firmed the choice.

General Ershad, aged 60, capitulated to the opposition campaign to oust him on Tuesday and said he would step down as soon as the opposition agreed on a can-didate to replace him.

Jubilant crowds paraded through Dhaka and other key

centres. In Rajshahi, a student leader was killed and two others were wounded by security guards when they marched on the home of a high-ranking state official.

Several thousand people demanding that the airport authorities stop General Er-still in charge of the governshad or others in his government if they tried to fice.

reneged on his promise to go. Mr Shahabuddin will be

nominated for the vice-presidency and his election is expected to be supported by General Ershad's Jatiya Party which controls two-thirds of the legislature. Mr Shaha-buddin's confirmation as vicepresident would clear the way for him to succeed General Ershad in compliance with the constitution. Once in office, the caretaker government is likely to dissolve parliament. making new elections possible. Opposition parties boycotted previous elections. saying General Ershad would have rigged the voting against

Sheikh Hasina, addressing a rally of 50,000 cheering and chanting followers, said that the effort to unseat the president was not over, and she called for the immediate disassembled at Dhaka airport solution of the cabinet. A demanding that the airport senior minister said: "He is ment." Other sources said the armed forces were still taking Begum Ziz and Sheikh orders from the general.

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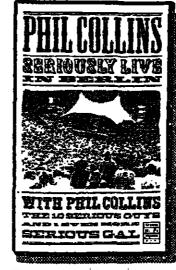


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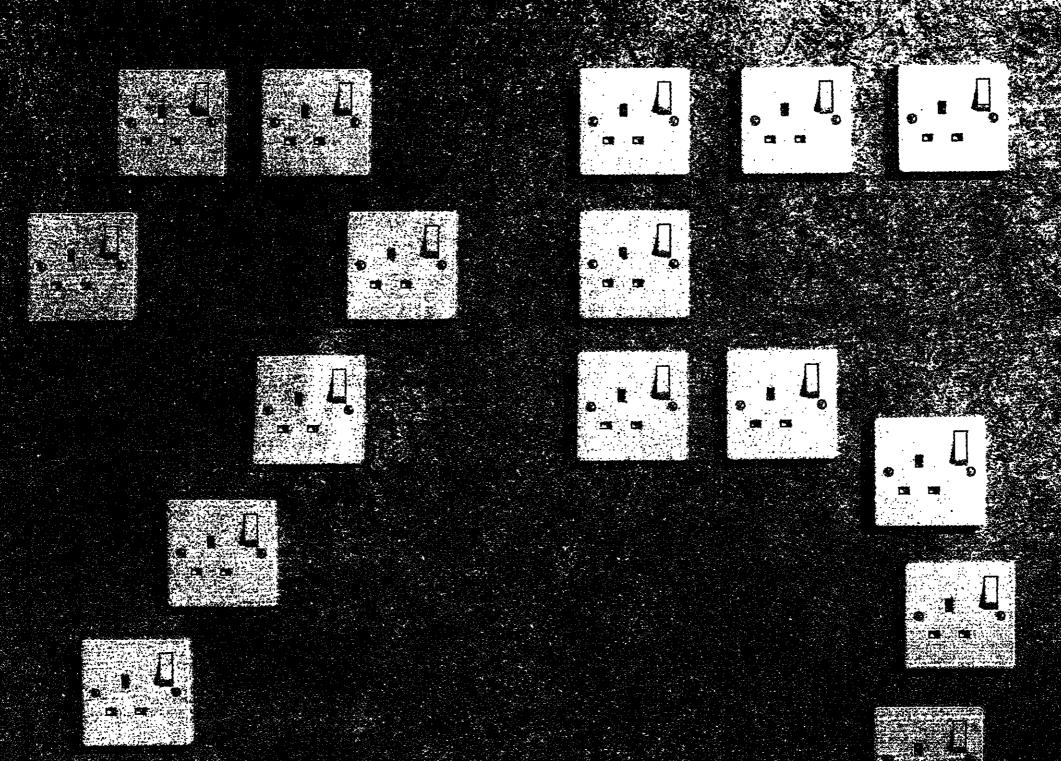
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The subsidy is always greener

Michael Hornsby

he Royal Smithfield Show at Earls Court, where the glossy new farm machinery on display belies the economic malaise in the agricultural in-dustry, has been wearing a brave business-as-usual face this week. But the thoughts of farmers visiting the show have been focused on the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade negotiations in Brus-sels, where the European Community is under growing pressure to cut farm subsidies in the interest of liberalising world trade.

The chief target of the Americans and the Cairns group of 14 food-exporting countries is the EC's bloated common agricultural policy. The more astute minds in farming recognise that the CAP in its present form is doomed, and while fighting to keep it alive for as long as possible they are casting about for new arguments to persuade governments to go on subsidising agriculture. In Britain at least they have found an unexpected ally in the green lobby, which until recently looked on farmers as ecological lager louts selfishly despoiling the countryside.

Battle lines are being redrawn as the once warring camps realise that by working together they stand a better chance of extracting money from the public purse. The essence of the emerging farmerconservationist consensus is that as farm subsidies are cut - at present 95 per cent of the EC farm budget is spent on underpinning farmers' product prices - they should be replaced by payments to manage the countryside. Conservationists say they have never objected to agriculture, merely to modern farming methods, and that keeping farmers on the land at lower levels of output is the best way to preserve the countryside.

If market forces were allowed free rein, the argument continues. farming would be concentrated in ever fewer and more intensively farmed large holdings (already 12 per cent of Britain's 255,000 farms account for 56 per cent of agricultural output). Up to 25 per cent of farmland could become surplus to food needs over the next five to ten years and so vulnerable to development for other, less

aesthetically pleasing, purposes.

The logic is seductive. If the EC is going to continue supporting farmers, and France and Germany are certain to insist it does, there is much to be said for paying them to produce a pleasant environment instead of surpluses of overpriced food. To the objection that other industries that get into in trouble are forced to close or to become competitive again, it can reasonably be answered that agriculture is different because its factory floor is the countryside.

For the most part the British landscape has been shaped by an evolving farming economy. The much-loved, but labour-intensive, English hedgerow made economic sense when most farms were

mixed and farm labour was cheap and plentiful. Now that many lowland farmers keep their animals indoors, or specialise in arable crops, hedges are less useful to them. A farmer, like any other businessman, wishes to maximise his profit. If we want him to forgo part of that profit in the interests of producing an "environmental good", for example by not removing a hedgerow or by leaving part of a field uncropped to create a wildlife habitat, then should the government not compensate him?

The idea is attractive, but hard to put into practice. Calculating the conservation cost to the farmer, in terms of income forgone, is relatively easy. It is much harder to put a value on more intangible benefits, such as the pleasure we derive from looking at landscape. Yet that may matter more to most people than preserv-ing a rare species of butterfly or remote stretch of bogland.

Any generalised system of green subsidies, of the kind recently proposed by the Council for the Protection of Rural England, might simply enrich better-off farmers without markedly improving the environment. The hills of Wales and Cumbria have been shaped by a kind of traditional farming that in many areas is no longer economic. If we want to preserve those landscapes there is a strong case for paying for such farming to con-tinue at a sustainable level.

There is a much less clear case for paying, say, the barley barons the South-East to put back hedges and ponds and copses. They are the farmers best placed to survive in a free market, and arguably they should be allowed to get on with what they do best: growing cereals. No amount of green titivating is going make East Anglia look like the Cotswolds.

The argument that the countryside must continue to be farmed is also open to challenge. In some areas allowing the land to return to nature might not be a bad thing. As price-linked subsidies are phased out, farmers will have less money to spend on fertilisers and chemicals or on draining meadows or cultivating marginal land. So market forces might, in fact, achieve many of the ends desired by environmentalists.

The market alone, however, is unlikely to produce the countryside we want. Paying farmers to stay in the hills, create wildlife habitats, plant broad-leaved trees and maintain hedgerows and stone walls is sensible. But trying to keep all small farmers in business is unrealistic. Purchase, or management, of their land by larger neighbours may be the best way of preserving the countryside in many areas. Compulsory production curbs, of the kind fa-voured by the National Farmers' Union, might offer temporary relief, but ultimately incomes can be sustained only by reducing the

Jeremy Laurance says Labour's new reforms, like the government's, fail to ask if treatments work

Is the NHS good for our health?

Il human beings suffer from An incurable, degenerative disease: it is called mortality. All governments have fewer resources than they could, ideally, spend on treating it. These are the only certainties in health care. The challenge is to postpone death as long as possible and preserve a decent quality of life at a reasonable cost. The available money must, therefore, be spent effectively.

Who is checking on the effec-tiveness of National Health Service spending? The government insists that its reforms will achieve better value for money. But this is euphemism for cost control. The focus of the reforms is on the money - getting "more bang for the bucks" as one management expert put it - not the value. Almost no research is being done on outcomes: what hospitals achieve. No one knows whether the NHS is good for our health.

More than two years ago the Commons social services committee demanded that "urgent attention" be paid to the dev-clopment of "improved measurements of the effectiveness of the

secretary of state for health, John Moore, announced plans to draw up a "health index", comprising a portfolio of health indicators which would "enable us to assess much better than we now can how the health of the nation is actually

developing".

The proposal has not been heard of since. To the embarrassment of ministers and civil servants it proved unworkable, and was quietly dropped. The idea had been to devise a composite measure similar to the retail price index, which would show real health gains, or losses, region by region and year by year. But the plan was naïve because almost no work has been done on developing measures of health sophisticated enough to produce such an index.

A version of the plan was revived by Kenneth Clarke, John Moore's successor, at the Conservative party conference in Octo-ber. Health authorities would be set targets for reducing deaths from heart disease, cancer, asthma and diabetes. Again, nothing more has been heard of it. But William Waldegrave, the new Secretary of State for Health, is said to be working on a discussion document for publication in the new year.

Today, the Labour party will re-empt the government with the publication of its alternative proposals for the NHS. For the first time, Labour acknowledges that there are serious deficiencies in the existing health service and that there can be no going back to the pre-reformed version. It agrees with the government that the NHS's fundamental problem is a

The hardest working hospitals spend their money quickest and end up having to close within and cancel operations when they run out of funds. But the government's answer to this problem - establishing a market in which hospitals compete to sell their services to health authorities and are paid for as much as they do is dismissed as expensive, dangerous and an administrative

built-in disincentive to efficiency.

Instead, Labour will replace the market allocation of funds with "distribution by workload". The

will receive the most resources. Labour will retain the principle of the divide between the purchaser (the health authority) and the provider (the hospital), but without the element of competition.

The problem with the Labour scheme is that it will reinforce the power of doctors by giving them extra funds to do more of what they already do, thereby undermining the power of health authorities to change priorities and allocate resources to different health programmes. To counter this Labour has lifted an idea from New Zealand where, since last December, the ministry of health has laid down specified health targets which local health boards are required to meet.

In Labour's policy document. the New Zealand targets have become "performance agree-ments", to be introduced at all levels of the NHS. Under these, health authorities and hospitals would be required to meet objectives, not only for reducing waiting lists and improving patient satisfaction, but also for reducing

infant mortality, deaths from heart disease, cancer, asthma and so on - a very similar list to that being devised by Mr Waldegrave.

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The challenge for both parties will be to make the target stick. That will require a fundamental change of focus in health care. The precedents are not encouraging. In 1863, Florence Nightingale instructed her nurses at St Thomas's Hospital in London to record in the notes of each patient discharged whether they were "dead, relieved or unrelieved". More than a century later, the only outcome measure we have for hospitals is a composite figure for the number leaving ("deaths and discharges") which fails even to distinguish the dead from the living.
The debate about the NHS is

almost exclusively centred on how much it is doing more money spent and more patients treated than ever before. No one dares ask whether everything it does is worth doing. Yet what else can be meant by "giving good value"? The author is a journalist specialising in health affairs.

One of the sillier grudges in the music hall of time

geridge died, there were, most fittingly, substantial appreciations and reminiscences throughout the media. One brief note, easy to miss, struck me speechless - a condition in which I am very rarely to be found. It recorded the ning and dismal news that one of Muggeridge's friends, the well-known novelist Anthony Powell, had, in the mid-Sixties, fallen out with Muggeridge to such an extent that he had not spoken to

his former buddy for 17 years.

The world being what it is, I do not suppose that that is a record. But it must be something of a record among civilised, mature, successful men of the world. The question immediately arises as to what St Muse (it was I who coined the canonisation, and I was delighted when it caught on — as was he) had done to Mr Powell to invite non-speaks from 1964 to 1981. Did he make a pass at Mr Powell's mother-in-law? Did he cheat Powell of a legacy by forging a will? Did he poison Powell's cat, throw stones at Powell's children, squeeze Powell's toothpaste from

half-way up the tube? None of these things. He wrote a fiercely adverse review of one of Powell's novels. And after that, all Powell's communications with his friend the critical reviewer were shut down entirely, not for the ensuing weekend, as one might think reasonable, but for 900 weekends. And what makes the business even more bizarre is that Mr Powell now says that he took the review to be a coded message from Muggeridge, saying that he did not want any more association. A line from Twelfth Night springs unbidden to mind: "Why, there's for thee, and thee, and thee

— are all the people mad?"
Well, are they? Remember where they were when the trouble started: Powell was not a distant acquaintance of Muggeridge's, or someone he disliked already, or a neighbour with whom he was always quarrelling. He was a close friend. Yet the friendship was shelved for 17 years after the friend in question had given him a

lousy review. I must say, though it will be dismissed as mere anecdotal evidence, that if I ceased to speak (for 17 years) to every friend who rubbished one or more of my



Bernard Levin ponders the illogical course of a literary feud

over nothing that divided two friends for seventeen years

books by way of review, there would be a hell of a lot of Tippex in my address-book. Why, my very first book was knocked about most bruisingly by Anthony Howard, though not only was he a friend, but a friend I had recently done not one but two signal services in the way of friendship. Well, did I turn on my heel when I next ran into him? Did I send him a curt message to the effect that I never wished to hear from him again? Did I lie in wait till I could

do him a harm? Of course not, I wouldn't be such a damned fool, and not only because if I had stopped talking to him I would have missed, over the years, a great deal of political gossip of the most delightfully scandalous kind, oodles of which he always has on offer.

Turn it round. Not long ago, Ludovic Kennedy wrote a short book, one of the CounterBlasts publications, advocating the legalisation of cuthanasia. When I had finished stamping the entire series into the ground in one column, I turned my fire on Ludo's contribution in another, and I must admit that I went quite far. Ludo replied to me on the correspondence

page, defending his argument against my assault. And did he, in his letter, say or imply that he would never again break bread with me? Of course not, for he, too, wouldn't be such a fool. Instead, he referred to me in his letter as "My old friend Bernard Levin", and plainly meant it.

Ludo isn't a saint, any more than I am; what distinguishes us from those who bear Waughlike grudges for years on end is a sense of proportion. If I may broaden the area of hurt a little, I can instance an occasion at Lady Pameia Berry's huncheon-table when I enraged Paul Johnson to such an extent that - I was sitting

beside him - he turned his chair

round to give me his back, and ignored me to the end of the lunch. Paul, as it happens, has a fiery temper, but when I next met him it was obvious that he had altogether forgotten his anger half an hour

after he got home. And yet it seems that even a man of Anthony Powell's quality and success could not bring himself, for 17 years, to speak to Malcolm Muggeridge (incidentally a man to whom the very idea of breaking off a friendship because of a hostile review would have seemed the funniest thing imaginable) after he, Muggeridge, had thought less highly of his, Powell's,

book than Powell had. "Let not the sun go down on thy wrath." Good advice, so often un-heeded. I can no longer remember what was the cause of the breach between Dickens and Thackeray, but I can recall the splendid scene at the Travellers' Club, when Thackeray flung his arms round

Dickens and cried: "For God's sake, let's be friends - life isn't long enough to bear grudges!"

Nor is it, particularly when the grudge is based on something as trivial as a bad review. I used to be a theatre critic, a trade in which it is impossible to avoid making enemies, unless one takes literally the Hollywood adage: "If you ain't praising them, they ain't listen-ing." On the other hand, a critic should be wary of making friends among those whose work he is called upon to judge, because the theatre's skin is almost unbeliev-

ably thin, and friendships can crumble much faster than they can

be built up.

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ind you, there are sensible people even in Shaftesbury Avenue. My regard for the work of Tom Stoppard could not be higher, I regard him as one of the greatest theatrical artists alive. One play of his, however, I thought very poor; I steeled myself and said so, whereupon I got a wonderfully Stoppardian letter in which he said that he had pondered much over his play in the light of my review, but that in the end he felt unable to agree with my estimate of it.

I did lose a friendship once, in the strangest way. I wrote a column about an exhibition of paintings; the artist was, and is, one of the most successful in the land, and is very highly regarded. Rejecting the general view, I made clear that I thought his very great technical accomplishment only pointed up the sterility and poverty of his imagination. A few days later I received a letter from an old friend of mine, who was (something I did not know) a passionate admirer of this artist's work: the letter was so savage that it truly shocked me. The shock passed but the writer had said she wanted nothing more to do with me, solely because of my article. Of course, should have argued with her, trying to point out the absurdity of breaking off a friendship because I liked the work of a certain artist less than she did. To my regret, I just shrugged and let it go. If she reads these words, I would like her to know that my affection and admiration for her have never been diminished, and that, as Thackeray knew, life is too short to bear grudges.

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CLEMENT FREUD

eaving Totnes station, you drive west across the bridge and make for a road going south. The occasional sign promises Carn-worthy (which is too far) and Ashprington (which would be a mistake). The thoroughfare narrows so that two bicycles can pass only when guided by people manifesting optimum handlebar control; if a car should encounter another, one of them would have to go back - possibly as far back as Sharpham Barton. Nearby is a village called Tetson, to which there appears to be no access at all. was making for Tuckenhay;

the landlord of its hostelry, the Maltsters Arms, had invited me to dinner. Tuckenhay is on a tributary of the River Dart, where the water decided to flow west for a stretch, while the main stream proceeds in a northerly direction towards Buckfastleigh. Not a lot you can do when you get to Tuckenhay except go back whence you came or walk into the pub: it is warm and welcoming, the bar is long, there is a sitting-out room at one end and a games room at the other. A restaurant with nine tables overlooks the water. A young barman serves drinks and keeps a rough eye on the silver platter of hot, shining pork sausages surrounded by a variety of mustards. I ask for a pink gin - Plymouth - because last week's Food and Drink programme decreed that Plymouth was best.

Behind the bar is a shop well, a shelf - bearing bootlaces and Mars bars, yo-yos, candles and woollen socks. A woman came from the kitchen below to replenish the platter with plumper, hotter sausages and I asked about the landlord. It transpired that he arrives at 8pm, after his siesta, but had ed for me accommodation in a house on a hill up a drive opposite the pub. There did I Taped music written for November evenings in West Country sitting-rooms filled the air. and when I went upstairs the bath was deep, the water hot,

the towels soft and large. At 8 pm I returned to the oub. where there were distinct signs of activity - people in the bar, more sausages on the platter. three young servers moving around the dining room giving a finishing polish to the glasses, the door opened to admit a man in a well-cut blue suit, navy and white silk scarf around his neck. red carnation threaded through his button-hole with the stalk pointing sideways towards his shoulder. It was himself, Le Patron, a legend in his own opening time. He shook hands with the

customers, greeted the barman, ascertained the number of dinner bookings from his waiter (it was a low, even number which on further enquiry included us) and we settled down to talk of this and that, also about life after pink gin, of which we consumed a few.

Keith Floyd, my host, bought a cottage in south Devon some years ago, and in 1988 a man asked him why he did not frequent the Maltsters Arms. Keith awarded him his best quizzical look beloved of TV audiences and said: "I don't go there because it is a bloody awful pub that does sod all for its customers and smells of rancid fat." Later that week he bought it for £310,000, runs it as a gentleman should run such a place: with skill and humour, and he encourages people to bring children and animals and their grannies.

His take is upwards of £600,000 a year, on which he can make no profit because there is about his philosophy none of the "dim lights to save fuel bills" approach. Generosity

We eat. A marvellously fla-voursome pea-and-ham soup; gravadlax, which needed dill and mustard sauce. Keith had made this earlier in the week and put it in a Kilner jar, now no one can find it. Everyone goes to look. Roast English lamb for him, Dover sole for me. Weish rarebit, trifle, and with the Eau de Vie, after the white wine and the red wine, before the Armagnac, pieces of fodge made by the waitress.

Children, animals and grannies who had arrived, left. And some time after midnight I remember that we agreed a deal: we are going to do a programme. It is to be called Floyd on Freud, or possibly Freud on Floyd on Food. Something like that. We drank to it.

Stop-press to the Commonwealth

he increasing threat of war in the Gulf has presented the Queen with a dilemma as she puts the finishing touches to her Christmas message to the Commonwealth. The speech is due to be recorded next week, but the need to reflect in it the military confrontation and the possibility of its escalation into fighting mean that the Queen will wait until the last possible moment to set the tone, and contingency plans may be laid for last-minute alterations. "It's a difficult situation for her," says a BBC source. "She views the annual event as one of the few occasions when she can be her true self. It is not like the Queen's Speech to parliament, which is written for her by the government. She writes the Christmas message herself and really wants to set the correct tone.

In 1988 the message was re-corded ten days before Christmas and was already on its way to radio and television stations throughout the Commonwealth when three tragedies - Lockerbie, the Clapham rail crash and the enian earthquake — shattered the festive spirit. The Queen, concerned that her annual message did not contain words of comfort for the injured and bereaved, recorded an insert which was included in the transmission. Last year the message was left deliberately short to allow the insertion of updated remarks. Fortunately it proved unnecessary, but it meant that ITV and the BBC had to adjust their

schedules and advance afternoon programmes by several minutes to make up for the shortfall. Sir David Attenborough, who

has produced the broadcast for the past five years, is on standby, awaiting a summons when the speech is finished. It will be recorded in the Regency Room on the ground floor of Buckingham Palace, with the Queen delivering her script seated near a window overlooking the garden.

"All I can say is that this year's message will be very short," says Sir David. "Last year we had a complex production with Her Majesty which we filmed at the Albert Hall. It will be nothing like that this time."

 "It's a funny old world," said Mrs Thatcher, in what has become the catchphrase of the ending of her cra. But it seems John Major, too, sentiments. Last week his opening words to his first cabinet meeting as prime minister were: "Who would have thought it?"

Trojan kilt

A s a good Giaswegian lad, Jeremy Isaacs, general director of the Royal Opera House, is relying on the visit of Scottish Opera for its first Covent Garden season to uplift a generally dismal year for the house. Short of donning his kilt, Isaacs has done everything possible to ensure a warm welcome to the company. Personally written notices of good wishes have been posted everywhere backstage and the Scots have generally been treated like conquering heroes. "I left Glasgow before the golden early days of Scottish Opera. You could say I



am a very happy and proud Scot

am a very happy and proud Scot this week," says Isaacs.

Audiences have responded in kind, and the production of Berlioz's The Trojans (being performed at Covent Garden for the first time in nearly 20 years) has been given a tumultuous reception, with audiences continuing to cheer well after the house lights have come back on. But just as the visit of Welsh National Opera gave Covent Garden its only Ring cycle of the Eighties, the success of guest companies at the house is surely a two-edged sword. For it raises the question: why can the home company not do it?

Double exposure

The BBC was forced to resort to subterfuge and imperson-ation to film this week's documentary, Crossing the Bridge of No Return, about the two Koreas, Suspecting an unflattering portrait, the North Korean government refused to allow Brian Barron and his crew into the capital, Pyongyang. Yet despite the ban Barron is shown in the forbidden city, telling viewers: "This is a paranoid society."

What the film does not reveal is how Barron and his crew slipped into the country. In return for a promise that while there they would make a free promotional video for a Hong Kong tour company, they were "loaned" identities by the firm and mas-

queraded as its representatives.

"We are now editing the video to highlight the delights of North Korea as a tourist destination," says a BBC spokeswoman. It promises to be a very short tape.

Black bird

dding injury to insult, the new Bird of Liberty logo of A new burg of allowing the Liberal Democrats, derided by Mrs Thatcher as a dead parrot, seems to have been hi-



at the back is a vulture

facked by the Co-operative Funeral Service. Paddy Ashdown ordered the logo earlier this year at a cost of £10,000, and the design, suggesting new life and fresh hope, was launched with much fanfare at the Lib Dem conference in September. Liberal Democrat MPs were therefore disconcerted

when they saw the Co-op funeral advertisements this week with a virtually identical bird.

Sir Cyril Smith wails: "I knew something like this would happen. The only question now is will we be attending the funeral as mourn-ers, or will the party be in the coffin come the next general elec-tion." Matthew Taylor, the MP who co-ordinated the project, puts a braver face upon it. "The funeral is what we aim to provide for our political opponents," he says.

A spokeswoman for the Co-op explains sweetly: "It's supposed to be a dove to imply people are at peace." Beneath the bird appear the words: "Guarantee your funeral at today's prices" — surely an offer no politician can sensibly refuse.

Mather jilted?

s Sarah Hogg takes over as head of the policy unit at 10 Downing Street, there is speculation that John Major failed to get the man he really wanted. Graham Mather, director of the Institute of Economic Affairs. Mather refuses to comment on suggestions that he had turned the job down, while some say that the prime minister was talked out of offering the job to someone so closely identified with the right of the party.

One of the nicest tributes to Hogg, who will receive a salary of £70,000, came from her father-inlaw, Lord Hailsham, who sits in the Lords next to her father, Lord Boyd-Carpenter. Hailsham's son Douglas, her husband, is a minister of state at the Foreign Office. Sarah seems to have taken Douglas from the near and passed him," Hailsham said proudly.

PRESIDENT Bush's top military commander promised Kuwaiti citizens yesterday that America would return their country to them. He could not say when this

General Colin Powell, chairman of the US joint chiefs of staff, also pledged that President Bush would not move "one inch" from his stated objective to remove Iraqi forces from "all of Kuwait". "The American leadership is not going to blink and nor will the international community," he

General Powell's comment, after giving the Eisenhower centenary memorial lecture at the Royal United Services Institute in London, served as a warning to Baghdad that there will be no compromise deal.

If there had to be a war, General

Annual tree damage put at £16bn

Vienna - The commercial loss resulting from damage to European forests by air pollution will be at least £15.8 billion a year over the next hundred years unless sulphur emissions are curbed drastically, according to a study released yesterday by the Inter-national Institute for Applied Systems Analysis (Brenda Fowler

The non-governmental research organisation based in Austria says the cost includes losses in commercial wood harvest, industrial processing of wood and social benefits. The study was the most comprehensive yet of European forests from Scandinavia to the Ural mountains.

Rahman ill

Kuala Lumpur — Tunku Abdul Rahman, aged 87, Malaysia's founding prime minister, was rushed to the intensive care unit of Kuala Lumpur general hospital after suffering serious internal bleeding, diarrohea and dehy-dration. His condition is described as "critical".

Historic verdict

Anckland - A New Zealand man has been found guilty of sexually torturing and murdering two available to provide evidence. The first was in 1942. (Reuter)

Zimbabwe deal

Harare - The Zimbabwe government has confirmed that it will confine its troops in Mozambique to two narrow transport corridors as agreed in Rome last Saturday by the Renamo rebels and the government of the former Portuguese territory.

Executive killed

La Paz - Jorge Lonsdale, the president of Coca-Cola's Bolivian subsidiary, has been killed by the guerrilla group that kidnapped him six months ago. His death came after police surrounded a house in La Paz where he was being held. (Reuter)

Nuclear talks

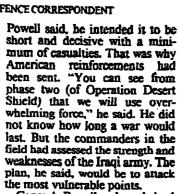
Karachi - Dresita Schaffer, the American deputy Assistant Secretary of State is arriving in Islamabad for talks with Nawaz Sharif, Pakistan's new prime minister, about Pakistan's nuclear capabilities.

Record flight

Melbourne — A Soviet cargo plane has completed a record-breaking non-stop long-distance flight, Bill Asiling, a representative of Antonov Airlines, said. The Antonov AN 124 landed back at Melbourne after flying 30,000 miles over the two poles in 72 hours 30 minutes. (Reuter)

Swiss choice

Zurich - The Swiss parliament elected the country's vice-president, Flavio Cotti, as president of the confederation for 1991.



General Powell acknowledged that even if Iraq withdrew, there would be a "long-term problem", because President Saddam Hussein would still be in power. He predicted that allied troops would have to stay in the region as a stabilising force. "A lot will depend on the role the UN will play," he said.

He was convinced that Arab friends in the area would be willing to have more American troops in the region after an Iraqi withdrawal than there had been before August 2, the day Iraq invaded Kuwait.

The general said he was not sure whether President Saddam was aware of the American firepower lined up against him. "I don't know what CNN has been broadcasting," he said, referring to the American Cable News Network television station which has been providing saturation coverage of the Gulf confrontation since it

began. The United States, Britain, Egypt, Syria and two dozen other countries had assembled a formidable army in Saudi Arabia. "The Iraqis are not facing 15-year-old teenage cannon fodder," he said. General Powell said he was not advocating "indiscriminate use of force", but if the allies were to go to war, it was their respon-

sibility "to go to war to win". He admitted that the Iraqi invasion had caught everyone by surprise. "We thought the new era (after the end of the Cold War) would give us some breathing space," he said. The Iraqi invasion was such a clear case of totally unprovoked aggression that there was no choice but to respond.

Asked whether Israel might take pre-emptive action against Iraq, General Powell said he did not expect the Israelis to attack.

● ABU DHABI - Arab states need to forge new security and economic arrangements to prevent internal conflicts in the wake of the Iraqi invasion, Mahmoud were never found, marking only the second murder conviction in the country in which no body was Egypt, Syria and Gulf Arab states should immediately open talks on such arrangements. He said the time element was extremely important.

> It was the duty of those states to forge a nucleus for joint Arab action, he said. There must be a new economic mechanism so that oil would not remain the Arab states' main source of wealth. But such new development would not be realised unless Arab funds were chanelled in from abroad. (AFP)

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Conducting operations: General Colin Powell, chairman of the US Chiefs of Staff, addressing an audience at the Royal United Services Institute in London yesterday. He said America would use overwhelming force in any Gulf war to win quickty and decisively

Soviet budget hitch over high spending on defence

From MARY DEJEVSKY IN MOSCOW

THE Soviet parliament has postponed discussion of next year's plan and budget for at least a week because of arguments about defence allocations. The draft budget, presented to parliament 10 days ago but not discussed, proposed spending of 98 billion roubles (£98 billion) on the military. The bulk of the money was earmarked for arms procurement and research and development.

No explanation was offered for the high proportion geared to weapons given the trend towards arms reductions. Spending was described as being lower than in 1988, but no comparison was made with 1989 or 1990, suggesting that it represented a rise on the past two years.

This was subsequently supported by an analyst at the newspaper Izvestia, who wrote that the overall figure for defence spending, including sums earmarked from other budget categories would be 132 billion, a rise of 27.6 billion roubles on last year. Unless discussion of the budget

can be slipped in before the Soviet

YELENA, frail as a sparrow and

looking older than her 72 years,

was struggling to read a book by

putting one pair of spectacles on

top of another when the shy young

Red Cross nurse surprised her

with a food parcel newly arrived

The old woman cried un-

controllably, long before the 20 lb

cardboard box of condensed milk,

coffee, sugar, chocolate and other

brightly wrapped capitalist good-

ies was opened, before even

from Germany.

Congress of People's Deputies opens on December 17, the Soviet Union is close to starting next year without any central budget. The congress is scheduled to run until December 27, but on past performance could last longer. However fictitious the budget has been previously, it nonetheless provides spending guidelines for enterprises without which they

will find it hard to operate. The defence spending row came into the open after President Gorbachev on Tuesday reiterated his intention of making changes at the top of the Soviet military and it coincided with intense public controversy aroused by changes at the top in the interior ministry, which brought a professional mili-tary officer, General Boris Gromov, into what has always been seen as a civilian ministry.

In the past, the Soviet press refrained from comment on ministerial appointments. The changes at the interior ministry, however, have generated unprecedented interest and newspapers are busy introducing the new

Tears greet German food parcel

From Bruce Clark in Moscow

her health visitor's arrival accom-

Similar tears are likely to be

shed by most of the sick and

elderly recipients of the 6,000 food

parcels that 16 German Red Cross

workers, whose main jobs range

from bureaucrat to masseur,

brought to the Moscow Red Cross

headquarters this week in a con-

These first parcels, and the

15,000 more which are to follow in

panied by a foreigner.

voy of lorries.

understanding the significance of a few days, are no more than a

minister, Boris Pugo, and his deputy, General Gromov, to a nublic which craves order but fears a crackdown.

The less reformist of the newspapers are propagating the virtues of both the "Borises", emphasising their sense of discipline, their patriotism and their desire to see order return to Soviet society.

The reformist press is bewailing the departure of Vadim Bakatin as interior minister, complimenting him on the speed with which he mastered his brief at the ministry and reflecting that two years was too short a time to implement the beneficial changes, especially in the police force, which he had envisaged. A commentary in Moscow News noted the sudden nature of Mr Bakatin's dismissal and gave a warning that "now we must await the witchhunt'.

Others, including Nikolai Ryzhkov, the Soviet prime min-ister, and the Communist Party's reformist youth paper, Komso-molskaya Pravda, speculated that Mr Bakatin would be offered another senior government job.

drop in the ocean. But whatever

prompted some well-fed Saxon to

assemble Yelena's parcel, with an impeccably neat list of its con-

tents, they need have no fear that

least to the Red Cross, fear that

their gifts will fall into the hands of

the Moscow mafia, whose activ-

ities were described in detail this

week by a Soviet weekly alongside

Hard of hearing, nursing two broken ribs and terrified that she

will go blind, Yelena is not

particular to Soviet society. If

anything, close family bonds mean that her kind of loneliness is

somewhat rarer here than in many

The local Red Cross organis-ation in one of Moscow's 33

districts, responsible for handing

out the German gifts to sick and

housebound people with whom

their health visitors are in touch,

chose Yelena at random for me to

visit. Her one-roomed flat in a

dilapidated block on the southern

edge of Moscow is warm, dry and

full of knick-knacks that testify to

But it takes little imagination to

Yelena, and those like her, is

simply too weak to stand in the

cold in a long, jostling queue.

other industrial societies.

a map showing which clan con-

trolled which district.

Nor, it seems, need donors, at

their efforts have been wasted.

Walesa urges 'Marshall aid' plan

From Roger Boyes

LECH Walesa, the Solidarity leader, yesterday urged the United States to organise a Marshall aidstyle package for Poland and Eastern Europe to save democracy from popular unrest. The request was made at a meeting in Gdansk yesterday between Mr Walesa and the US defence secretary, Richard Cheney, who was paying his first official visit to Eastern Europe.

The talks with Mr Cheney the dissolution of the military com-mand of the Warsaw Pact.

More concrete assistance seems unlikely until the end of the Gulf confrontation. Mr Cheney, echoing his recent testimony to the Senate armed forces committee. told reporters here that the US could not wait indefinitely for the United Nations embargo on Iraq

To the great relief of the Polish foreign ministry Mr Cheney did not ask for a bigger contribution to the international force in the Gulf. Poland and Czechoslovakia are providing some medical support. Defence ministry sources say, however, that a large number of Poles and Czechoslovaks have been signing up with the French

The Warsaw Pact will have disappeared as a military organisation at the latest by 1992. There has been some thinking, in Washington and Warsaw, about whether a us contingent could help guarantee Poland's eastern border should the Soviet Union disintegrate. However, no official is ready to admit publicly that such a

IN WARSAW

presidential hopes of Mr Walesa who has been striving to present a statesman-like image before the final ballot on Sunday. The president of Poland is, in effect, the supreme commander of the armed forces and a number of key military decisions will have to be made in the first nine months of the new presidency. These include the accelerated withdrawal of Soviet troops from Poland and the

"We need help quickly on the scale of the Marshall plan." Mr Walesa told Mr Cheney. "that is the only guarantee of a stable transition." Mr Cheney's brief. to expand co-operation with Warsaw Pact countries by, for example, helping to train the future generation of Polish officers.

to take effect.

Foreign Legion's Gulf contingent.

Mr Cheny also emphasised that there was no plan at present to station American troops in Poland. There has been some concern in Warsaw about a security loophole emerging in 1992.

The Polish army is already operating on a strapped budget and is having to split its forces between the western and eastern borders, reflecting the new defence doctrine which no longer declares Nato to be the enemy. Soviet troops should be out of the country in a years time.

situation is being considered.

Israel hints at action on **Baghdad**

From RICHARD OWEN

SENIOR Israeli officials said yes-terday that if talks between the United States and Iraq resulted in a compromise which resulted to "remove the Iraqi military threat to the perion" Israel would no to the region" Israel would no longer feel bound by its undertaking to "keep a low profile".

The comments come on the eve

of the visit to London and Washington by Yitzhak Shamir, the Israeli prime minister. Diplomats saw the comments as a thinly-veiled Israeli threat to take military action of its own against lrag in the event of an "unacceptable" US-Iraqi deal. Officials said Israel feared such a deal could include the Palistinian question despite denials of a linkage.

Diplomats said John Major, who meets Mr Shamir today, was likely to urge the Israeli leader to stick to his low profile policy. The newspaper Haarerz reported that David Levy, Israel's foreign minister, had told William Brown, the US ambassador to Israel, that Israel's agreement to keep a low profile, in deference to Washington's desire to keep its anti-Iraqi alliance intact, was contingent on an American undertaking to "remove Saddam Hus-sein", not just force him out of

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Mr Levy also told a visiting European Parliament delegation that if Israel felt in danger it would not hesitate to act because "if Saddam Hussein emerges victorious from the current confrontation there will be no end to his aggression". Mr Shamir told the MPs that President Saddam was developing a nuclear capability, and Israel took seriously his threat that it would be the first target of

an Iraqi missile attack.

Diplomats said Mr Levy's reference to an American undertaking to remove the Iraqi military threat altogether was puzzling. They said that in sending troops to



Levy: told America that

the Gulf, President Bush had formulated only three aims: the withdrawal of Iraqi troops from Kuwait, the restoration of the Emir, and the release of all Western hostages. Asked if America had indicated that it had the further aim of destroying the regime in Baghdad, Israeli officials said: "There may have been understandings". Last weekend, Mr Levy said he accepted American assurances over its approach to Baghdad, but right-wing MPs said they feared that Israel would pay the price" of a US-Iraqi deal. Mr Shamir's visit, the first by a foreign leader since he became prime minister, will give Mr Major a first-hand opportunity to grapple with Middle East issues as he prepares to visit British troops in the Gulf next month.

Israel regards Mr Major with some reserve because of his frosty encounter at the United Nations in October last year with Moshe Arens, the then Israeli foreign minister. Israeli diplomats said Mr Major, then foreign secretary had accused Israel of "expansionism" in Lebanon and described Mr Arens' account of Israeli actions in the occupied West Bank as "an explanation, not a defence". Mr Arens retorted that Mr Major was not a judge in a court of law and Israel had no need to defend itself.

While Anglo-Israeli relations have since improved, Mr Shamir's talks in both London and Washington will be dominated by Western pressure on Israel to inject new life into the peace process as the third anniversary of intifada or Palistinian uprising approaches this weekend. But Israeli policy makers are preoccupied with the Iraqi threat.

British hostage dies at strategic site in Iraq

By ALICE THOMSON

DONALD Major, a Briton aged the Iraqis to respond to appeals for 57, died on Tuesday, apparently of a heart attack, while being held hostage by Iraq at a strategic site. He was one of the first to be held after the invasion of Kuwait, Iraq has ordered a post-mortem examination.

Mr Major was on the list of sick and elderly hostages whose release has been specifically requested by Britain. Before the invasion he was employed in Kuwaii by the W.S. Aikins consultancy He was moved to a strategic site in traq in

The Foreign Office released an late August official statement yesterday saving his death underlined the need for

the immediate release of all hostages. A spokesman said Mr Major was the first British hostage known to have died in captivity. Three others died of natural causes in hiding in Kuwait and two were killed in a car accident in October while trying to drive from Kuwait to the port of Basra. Mr Major's widow Brenda and

daughters Wendy, Cindy and Mandy were informed of the news by the Epsom-based company yesterday. Terrel Wyatt, the chairman, said all the staff were saddened by the news and he wished all those trapped in Kuwait a speedy return home.

modern comfort when she worked as a chemist and her husband was understand the effect on people like her of the worsening in the capital's food supplies, essentially reducing Muscovites to a diet of bread, milk, a few basic vegetables and whatever else they can use their connections and ingenuity to procure.

Winter's wonder: icicles hanging from logs in the Swiss village of Giswil presage a real winter not seen in the Alps for years. Logs are regularly watered to protect them from bark beetles

New Berlin mayor to set sights on wresting power from Bonn

new ruling mayor-to-be, is the picture of smooth contentment and if his demeanour bespeaks a smidgeon of smugness, it is not without good cause.

Although still ensconced in the uninspiring rooms of the town hall's Christian Democrat faction, his position as head of the largest ruling party assures him of the title of mayor at the most promising time in the city's post-war history when its parliament reconvenes next month, in the new year he will make the symbolic move from the Schöneberg town hall in the west back to the imposing red town hall in east Berlin, traditional home of the ruling mayor until the communists took it over.

With Sunday's surprise 10 per

EBERHARD Diepgen, Berlin's cent victory for his CDU above Walter Momper's Social Democrats he has regained the post he lost in March last year to the illfated red-green coalition. It is a margin wide enought to relegate Herr Momper to the role of second fiddle in the resulting grand coalition and re-establishes Herr Diepgen in the CDU firmament. This was the best result his party has had in west Berlin - nearly 49 per cent in the city which used to call itself Red Berlin. In the east. the party gained 7 per cent on its March result.

His prime task now is to breathe life into the sagging campaign to wrest the seat of government from Bonn without annoying his own party in the process. Helmut Kohl, the chancellor, privately admits that he is for a transfer of power to

From Anne McElvoy in Berlin

Berlin, but is anxious to limit the damage to the Rhineland. While Herr Momper, launching

the campaign for Berlin's preeminence with gusto, shot himself adeptly in the foot by emphasising the benefits of the transfer for Berliners but neglecting to mention the effects on everyone else, Herr Diepgen's tone is more conciliatory. "My campaign will be more sensitive, more European," he said. "German unification is not an isolated phenomenon, but a product of Europe growing together. Ask yourself where the east-west axis lies and you find it here, not Bonn."

Berlin's role as east-west axis is a mixed blessing. Already the central station is packed with

eastern immigrants and Berlin is essary if the unwieldy metropolis likely to be one of the most popular destinations for the influx of disillusioned and hungry Soviets expected to migrate next year. Dealing with the consequences will be the Berlin government's toughest test and one which both parties preferred to ignore in the election campaign. "Don't expect Berlin to solve all the problems of 40 years of communism. Yes. there will have to be immigration barriers here, otherwise we will be swamped," Herr Diepgen says. Herr Diengen is not afraid to

use the rhetoric of the right; his campaign was fought on promises of ousting the "chaotic elements" of the red-green alliance. He represents the change of style and substance Berliners think nec-

is to bid for the job as Germany's first city. Herr Momper was a mischievous, often vulgar popularist who often opened his mouth and thought about it later. (When the Wall fell he upbraided the right for waffling about unification".) Herr Diepgen is a silky lawyer who skilfully evades unwelcome questions and brazens out uncertainties with ease.

He says that the government should move to Berlin "as soon as possible" but does not intend to bully Bonn by issuing an ultimatum. Well, only very gently, perhaps. "I would be very disappointed if in five years time there was anything other than the details of fine tuning left to discuss on the matter," he said.

COURT CIRCULAR

of the Household.

Mr David Lightbown, MP
was received by The Queen and
delivered up his Wand of Office
as Vice-Chamberlain of the Household and received from Her Majesty his Wand of Office as Comptroller of the

Mr John Taylor, MP was received by The Queen and received from Her Majesty his Wand of Office as Vice-Chamberlain of the Household. His Excellency Señor Roberto Parrales was received in audience by The Queen and presented the Letters of Recall edecesor and his own Letters of Credence as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary from Nicaragua to

the Court of St James's.

Mr Nigel Broomfield (Deputy Under-Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs) was present and the Affairs) was present and the Household in Waiting were in

Mr Emrys Davies was received in audience by The Queen upon his appointment as British High Commissioner to Mrs Davies was received by

Her Majesty.

His Excellency Vicomte Luc de La Barre de Nanteuil and Vicomtesse de La Barre de Commander Alistai PN were in attendan Nanteuil were received in fare-well audience by The Queen and KENSINGTON PALAC relinquishing his appointment as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary from France to the Court of St lames's. The Queen, Patron, this

afternoon visited the Royal Academy of Dancing, Battersea. Having been received by the Mayor of Wandsworth (Councillor Mrs Jo Sedgwick), Mr Ivor Guest (Chairman of the Executive Committee) and Mr David Wall (Director of the Academy), Her Majesty opened the new Fonteyn Centre and

plaque. Subsequently, The Queen toured the Centre and presented the Queen Elizabeth II award to Mr Peter Wright.

Mrs John Dugdale, the Right Hon Sir Robert Fellowes and Wing Commander David Walker, RAF, were in The Right Hon John Major,

MP (Prime Minister and First Lord of the Treasury) had an audience of The Queen this

The Prince Edward today opened the new High Care Hostel for the Rugby House Project at Long Yard, London WC1.
His Royal Highness this

evening presented the 1990 Torch Trophy Trust awards at Simpson (Piccadilly) Limited,

Lieutenant-Colonel Sean London SW1. O'Dwyer was in attendance. This morning The Princess lent. British Knitting and Clothing Export Council attended the One-Day

Rendezvous, King David Suite, Great Cumberland Place, London.

Her Royal Highness. Honorary Degrees and rosiPresident, Royal Yachting graduate Diplomas at Lancaster
Association, in the afternoon University.

Afterwards. Her Royal attended a Council Meeting at the Royal Thames Yacht Club,

Knightsbridge, London. In the evening The Princess Royal, Commandant in Chief, The Lady M. St. John Ambulance and in attendance.

BUCKINGHAM PALACE
December 5: Sir George Young,
Bt, MP, was received by The
Queen and delivered up his
Wand of Office as Comptroller
of the Household.

Nursing Cadets, attended the St
John Ball at the Hotel Intercontinental, London.

Her Royal Highness was
attended by The Hon Mrs

Legge-Bourke. **CLARENCE HOUSE** December 5: Queen Elizabeth
The Queen Mother this
morning visited the Royal
Smithfield Show at Earls Court. Dame Frances Campbell-Preston and Major Sir Ralph Anstruther, Bt, were in

December 5: The Prince of Wales, President, King Ed-ward's Hospital Fund for London, visited the Riverside Venous Ulcer project at St Dunstan's Clinic, Fulham Palace Road.

KENSINGTON PALACE

His Royal Highness, Trustee, National Gallery, subsequently attended a lunch at the National Gallery followed by a meeting of the Board of Trustees.

Major-General Sir Chris-

topher Airy was in attendance. The Prince and Princess of Wales received the Honourable Ronald and Mrs Reagan at Kensington Palace.
The Prince of Wales,

President, The Prince's Trust, accompanied by The Princess of Wales, attended a Royal Gala Evening in aid of the Trust, at the London Palladium, 8 Argyll Viscountess Campden and Commander Alistair Watson,

KENSINGTON PALACE December 5: The Princess Margaret, Countess of Snowdon, was present this evening at the British-American Associates' Ball held at the Grosvenor House Hotel. The Countess Alexander of Tunis was in attendance.

KENSINGTON PALACE December 5: The Duke of Gloucester, Patron, Worshipful Company of Pattenmakers, this evening was present at a Reception in the Great Hall of St Bartholomew's Hospital, West Smithfield, London, EC1. Major Nicholas Barne was in

The Duckess of Gioucester, Patron, Scottish Opera, was present this evening at a performance of the Trojans at the Royal Opera House, Covent Garden, London, WC2. Mrs Howard Page was in

YORK HOUSE ST JAMES'S PALACE December 5: The Duchess of

Kent, Patron, this morning opened Age Concern England's new headquarters, Astral House, 1268 London Road, London SW16.
Mrs Colin Marsh was in

The Duke and Duchess of Kent this evening attended a Reception and special showing of Channel 4's film Maestro in support of the "Venice in Peril Fund" at Spencer House,

Mrs Peter Troughton and Commander Roger Walker, RN

THATCHED HOUSE LODGE December 5: Princess Alexandra, Chancellor, today presided ceremonies for the conferment of Higher and Honorary Degrees and Post-

Highness opened the new Graduate College on the

campus.
The Lady Mary Mumford was

Forthcoming marriages

Mr C.S. Daniel and the Hon L.V. Arundell The engagement is announced between Christopher, only son of Lieutenant-Commande Mrs J.J.S. Daniel. of West Meon, Hampshire, and Lucy, daughter of Lord Talbot of

Mr N. Kilhams and Miss C.A. Reith The engagement is announced between Nicholas, son of Mr and Mrs Edward Kilhams, of Abingdon. Oxfordshire, and Catherine, daughter of Mr and Mrs Robert D. Reith, of Radlett,

Dr D.L. Levy and Dr S.E. Ramsell The engagement is announced Captain P.N.Y.M. Sanders

The engagement is announced

between Robin, elder son of the late Colonel Douglas Parker. OBE, and of Mrs Parker, of Farnham, Surrey, and Julia, elder daughter of Dr and Mrs Guy Hamilton, of Woking, Surrey, and Ingworth, Norfolk.

and Miss C.J. Carey-Wilson
The engagement is announced between Nigel, younger son of Mr and Mrs T. Pitt, of Good Easter, Essex, and Catherine, youngest daughter of the late Mr J.H. Wilson and of Mrs E.J. Carey-Wilson, of Halewell, Withington, Gloucestershire.

Reception

Torch Trophy Trust His Royal Highness The Prince Edward presented the Torch Trophy Trust Awards for 1990 yesterday evening at a reception held at Simpson (Piccadilly) Limited. His Royal Highness was received by Mr E.A. Croker, chairman of the trust, and Mr J.C.R. Franks. Managing Direc-tor of Simpson (Piccadilly) Limied. Armong those present were:
Lord Aberdare, Mr R Althus, MP,
Lieutenant Commander Str Richard
Buckley, Mrs A Andrews, Mrs E A
Croker, Mrs J C R Franks, Mrs C G
Janes, Dr and Mrs D W C Smith and
Mr D Uffon.

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and Miss C. Swainson

The engagement is announced between Tom, elder son of Mr Antony Rider and the late Mrs Hope Rider, of London SW1, and Caroline, daughter of Captain and Mrs Anthony Swainson, of Tunbridge Wells,

The engagement is announced between David, second son of Mr and Mrs John Levy, of Johannesburg, and Suc Elizabeth, twin daughter of Dr and Mrs T.G. Ramsell, of Burton, Wirral, Cheshire.

Mr R.D.G. Parker

Captain P.N.Y.M. Sanders and Miss F.A. Bullen
The engagement is announced between Captain Patrick Sanders. The Royal Green Jackets, elder son of Mr and Mrs John Yardley Sanders, of Fulmer, Buckinghamshire, and Fiona. vounzer daughter of Mr Fiona, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs Peter Bullen, of Kirby

and Miss S.C. Bodd

OBITUARIES

DENIS WILLIAMS

Dr Denis Williams, CBE, neurologist, died on November 26 aged 81. He was born in raeron on December 4,

AFTER a number of junior medical appointments in London Denis Williams took up a Rockefeller travelling fellowship at the Harvard Neurological Unit at Boston City Hospital. There he came under the influence of Stanley Cobb who was doing pionee ing work in the subject of epilepsy. Williams collaborated with Dr Fred Gibbs in early work on the use of electrical recordings of brain activity in the study of patients with epilepsy (electroencephalography). He remained in the forefront of this field until his retirement and accumulated a vast experience both in the clinical

pect of this subject. When he returned from Boston just before the outbreak of war he had sufficient foresight to bring with him a small EEG recording machine, which he used at the National Hospital. This was the first apparatus of its sort put to clinical use in Britain. Denis Williams had already

and electrophysiological as-

igined the RAF reserve and was based at the Head Injury Hospital at St Hugh's in Oxford which had been set up by Riddoch, Symonds and Cairns as a special neurologi- Symonds's more severe judgecal centre for the Army and the RAF. He collaborated with Symonds in the important studies on stress in operational air crews and



ments in this extraordinarily difficult field.

must have tempered some of Hospital, Queen Square. He tant appointments came rap- son and two daughters.

had already been elected to the fellowship of the Royal College of Physicians (1943), an

as cerebrovascular disease (particularly in relationship to the basilar artery) and subacute sclerosing pan-encephalitis. He had a very quick clinical sense and would often arrive successfully at a diagnosis with what was almost an inspired guess when others labouring slowly and more orthodoxly might fail to get there at all. He appeared to have extraordinary insight into the workings of the minds of his patients - and sometimes of his colleagues which was half jokingly attrib-

idly and he was appointed

consultant physician to the

National Hospital and St

George's Hospital. He was for

many years civil consultant in

neurology to the RAF and a

consultant adviser to the chief

medical officer at the Depart-

ment of Health. He edited

Brain, the journal of neurol-

ogy, and a number of editions

of Modern Trends in Neurol

significant contributions to

neurology in fields as diverse

Denis Williams made

uted to Celtic second sight. in the last few years of his work as a consultant on the staff at the National Hospital he was instrumental in the foundation of the Brain Research Trust which, largely through his efforts, gathered and continues to gather, considerable funds for neurological research in the Institute of Neurology and elsewhere.

Denis Williams died after a He returned to civilian life unusual distinction for a man long and distressing illness. as registrar at the National in his early thirties. Consul-He is survived by his widow,

IGNACIO GALLEGO

Teodoro Ignacio Gallego Bezares, a leader of the Spanish Communist Party (PCE), died in Madrid on November 24 of heart failure aged 76. He was born on April 1, 1914.

A SELF-educated swineherd from the little town of Siles in the southern agricultural province of Jaén, Ignacio Gallego became a major in the republican army during the Spanish civil war. He was a member of the executive committee of the Spanish Communist Party for more than three decades and a vicepresident of the post-Franco Congress of Deputies, the powerful lower house of the anish parliament.

He joined the Socialist youth movement when the ber of the executive com-Spanish republic was proclaimed and quickly became Communist Party, and he provincial secretary general of that movement. In 1937, with Spanish shifter civil was already when he dissented from the Spanish republic was proclaimed and quickly became retained that post until 1984, Party in Spain, "The Party of the Masses We Want," and "In the Masses We Want, and "In the Masses Want, and "In the Masses Want, and "In th Spain's bitter civil war already party's Eurocommunist pos- Defence of Emigrant Work- sons and a daughter.

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Youth, which brought together the socialist and communist youth movements.

A born leader, Gallego then joined the Second Jaén Battalion as an officer. After the civil war he was interned in Oran, in what was then colonial Algeria, serving time in the Morán and Bogadi concentration camps. He soon made his way to the Soviet Union. however, and lived there until 1945, when he moved to France. There he remained until July 1976, eight months after the death of General In 1948 he became a mem-

the Chief Rabbi-elect, said last

Delivering his fourth Reith

"But

lecture on Radio 4, he said the

diversity in society made

disestablishment would be a

significant retreat from the notion that we share any

In his lecture, Paradoxes of

Pluralism, to be repeated on

Radio 3 next Monday, Dr

Sacks urged people of all faiths

to search for more than merely

common good.

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Franco.

founding member and a mem- the 36 years that he served on fame of some of his close ber of the executive comthe executive committee, comrades, such as Santiago
mittee of Unified Socialist most of which coincided with Carillo, former secretary genthe years of the Franco regime, one of his principal tasks had been that of party organization.

first two legislatures of Spain's president of the PCE. post-Franco democracy, he lost his seat in the third legislature after resigning from the PCE to found his own Spanish Peoples' Communist Party (PCPE). Last year he returned to the PCE and became a member of the presidential committee of the communist-led coalition drid daily El Pais, Augusta United Left (IU), and regained his seat in parliament, this time representing Malaga. The author of several trea-

Reith lecture

Looking for the common

good in pluralism

By RUTH GLEDHILL, RELIGIOUS AFFAIRS REPORTER

THE disestablishment of the responsibility to reflect and future was best left in the

Church of England would be a strengthen what he called hands of those who would path to more, not fewer, "that spirit of common sense inherit it. Theologians spoke tensions, Dr Jonathan Sacks, Christian ethics which we about the death of God and

believe to be a necessary

component of citizenship and

Dr Sacks said: "That tra-dition remains a significant part of our national life, even

if it has been joined by other

voices, some religious, some

nineteenth century, when civil

rights were extended to

there remained a distinctive

religious nonconformity was

permitted, so long as it was

private." Jews learned to hide their identity so well that one man defined their creed as

Dr Sacks said the idea of a

single public culture was not shattered until the 1960s,

when local identities began to

be asserted, the civil rights

movement in the United

States announced that black was beautiful and young

people rebelled against mora

"The past seemed to have which we used up its moral capital. The bilingual."

Under the liberalism of the

Roman Catholics, Free sayable and showable. Church members and Jews, "The problem is that

under way, he became a ture and quit the PCE. During ers", he did not achieve the Carillo, former secretary general of the PCE and - like Gallego - eventual founder of a splinter party, or Dolores An MP for Cordoba in the Ibarruri, "La Pasionaria", late

The present secretary general of the PCE and president of IU, Julio Anguita, was one of Gallego's proteges, working as his private secretary when Gallego was an MP for Cordoba. In a brief commentary in the independent leftist Maremarked: "It goes without saying that the news of Gallego's death...was sad and hard

inherit it. Theologians spoke

the shaking of the founda-

tions. Liberals argued success-

fully that law could not be

used to enforce private

tee-shirts and sexual imagery

"The problem is that plural-

ism gives rise to deep and

intractable conflicts while at

the same time undermining

the principles by which they

common good."

cultural collision."

morality.*

ELLIS COSSLETT

ELLIS Cosslett was internationally known for his pioneering work in electron microscopy and as the successful builder at Cambridge of one of the most famous high resolution instruments. Throughout his career he was in contact with leading scientists all over the world, including China and Russia. He was a founder nember of the International Federation of Electron Microscope Societies, an organisation that transcends national

and ideological barriers. .Cosslett was educated at Cirencester grammar school and Bristol university, where he later obtained his Ph D. He was awarded a Cambridge Sc D in 1963 and was made an honorary D Sc by Tübingen. After beginning his research career at Bristol in 1929, he spent a year at the Kaiser-Wilhelm research institute in Berlin and this experience awakened his interest in electron optics. He worked at Oxford during the war as a lecturer in physics at the electrical laboratory. In 1946 an ICI fellowship brought him to Cambridge and three years later he became a lecturer at the Cavendish Laboratory. where he worked for the rest of his life. He was promoted to reader in 1965, emeritus from 1975. He became a fellow of Corpus Christi College in

When Cossiett came to Cambridge the electron microscope was a new and relatively unknown instrument. Largely thanks to him knowledge of the new techniques spread rapidly to other departments. His wide background in chemistry, physics, biology and languages meant that he could see the value of his work to other

Dr Vernon Ellis Cosslett, FRS. disciplines, including medi-cine and industry. Cosslett copy, died on November 21 was a revolutionary, a fine aged 82. He was born on June organiser with the air of a prophet and the skill of a

diplomat. Cosslett was made a fellow of the Royal Society in 1972 but never became a professor although colleagues from abroad always assumed he was. By sheer personality and hard work he made the Cavendish Laboratory a world centre for electron microscopy and attracted talented people to work with him.

Internationally he played a prominent part in the formation of the electron microscopy group of the Institute of Physics and the Physical Society, and was its first secretary and, later, its chairman. He served on the board of the Institute of Physics, and was president of the Royal Microscopical Society, which was saved from possible extinction by the success of the electron

In 1936 Cossiett married Rosemary Wilson, but the marriage was dissolved. Four years later he married Dr Anna Joanna Wischin, She was a skilled microscopist who worked in the laboratory with him and shared in all aspects of his work. They were a powerful team until her death in 1969. He is survived by his son

and daughter.



LORD PEARCE

Sir James Comyn writes:

MANY years of happy association with Lord Pearce impressed me and others with three characteristics over and above those mentioned in your admirable obituary

(November 28). Firstly his ability for hard work. Secondly his cheerfulness and his kindness. And thirdly as a judge the simplicity and common sense shown by him to litigant and lawyer and welcomed by both. He had the great ability to clarify what had hitherto been obscure or been obscured. He brought down to earth what had been too long lingering in the clouds. Fortunately this last quality is enshrined in the Law Reports forever.

much should have lost his wife and both his children in his closing years.

Neville Willmer writes:

IN YOUR otherwise splendid obituary of Lord Pearce no mention is made of his prowess on the games field. As his contemporary at Corpus Christi College I recall that he was playing some game or other every afternoon. He was certainly a wizard with the hockey stick, but I specially remember him on the cricket field where he and Robertson-Glasgow made every game a joy and set us examples of skill and fair play. Games, in those days, were played for fun; and fun we had. His wit on the that one who had given so his after-dinner speeches.

Dinners

Speaker The Speaker and Mrs Weatherill gave a dinner last night in Speaker's House in honour of the High Commissioner for Australia and Mrs McClelland. The other guests were:

Air Dwish Hust, MP, and Mrs Hust, Mr Alfred Morris, MP, and Mrs Morris, MP, and Mrs Morris, Lord and Laty Grey of Naumbon, Mr and Mrs John Esticot, Sir John and Lady Safaty, Mr Cales Taylor and Dy Jil) Taylor. City Livery Clab
The Lord Mayor, accompanied
by the Lady Mayoress, the
Sheriffs and their ladies,
attended the annual dinner of attended the annual conner of the City Livery Club held last night at Guildhall. Mr G.R. Redcliff presided. The Lord Mayor, Mr Winston S. Chur-chill, MP, Mr. Alderman N. Young and Air Chief Marshal

As a result, the lines Sir Peter Harding also spoke: between public and private Mr Lod Cook were withdrawn, political Mr Lod Cook
A dinner was given last night by
Mr Lod Cook, Chairman of the
Atlantic Richfield Company, at
Claridge's. The guests of honour
were the Right Hon Margaret
Thatcher, MP, and Mr Ronald
Reagan, GCB. Other guests opinions were emblazoned on and language became publicly

The French Ambassador, the Chine Anshassador, the Norwegian Ambassador, the Mexican Ambassador, the the Aberican Ambassador, the Spandor, the Spando



Roskill, Sir David Rowe-Ham. Mr
Richard Ryder. MP.

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Michael Shee, Mr Patrick Sheely, Mr
Peter Shore, MP, Mr David A G
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John Waleham, MP, the Hon William
Waldegrave, MP, Mr James Wallace,
MP, Lord Weldenfeld, Lord
Weinstock, Mr Ien Westen Smith, Mr
Robin Written, Lord Wigoder, QC, Sir
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Williams, Mr Robert Wood and Mr
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Bankers' Taxation Circle Mr M. A. Johns, Under-Secretary of the Oil and Financial Divison of the Inland Revenue, was the guest speaker at a dinner of the Bankers' Taxation Circle held last night at Cottons Centre, Hays Lane, SE1. Mr G. Stenson, president, presided. Salmon and Trout Association

Miss Penelope Turing presided at the annual dinner of the Salmon and Trout Association held last night at Fishmongers' Hall. The principal guests included:

Lord and Lady Sanderson of Bowden, Mr and Mrs David Kinnersley, the Prime Warden of the Fishmongers, Company and Mrs Butterwick, the Clark of the Fishmongers, Company and Mrs Carete, Mica Veryan Johnson and Mr and Mrs K S Waters. Marketing Group of

Marketing Uroup of Great Britain Mr David Wynne-Morgan pre-sided at the dinner held last night at the Hyatt Carlton Tower Hotel by the Marketing Group of Great Britain. The Group of Great Britain. The guest speaker was Mr Anthony JJ. Simonds-Gooding, former Chief Executive of British Satellite Broadcasting Limited.

Birthdays today

Mr Jack Ashley, CH, MP, 68; Mr David Barons, racehorse trainer, 54; Mr Dave Brubeck, musician, 70; Vice-Admiral Sir John Cadell. 61; Lord Clinton-Davis, 62; Air Marshal Sir John Curtiss, 66: Lord Emslie, 71; Earl Granville, 72; Mr Derek Hill, artist, 74; Mr Jonathan King. hmadeaster, 46; Sir King, broadcaster, 46; Sir King, broadcaster, 46; Sir Richard Lloyd, chairman, Hill Samuel Bank, 62; Sir Nicholas Lyell, QC, MP, 52; the Right Rev Eric Mercer, former Bishop of Exeter, 73; Sir George Pinker, former Surgeon-Gynaecologist former Surgeon-Gynaecologist to the Queen, 66; Lord Porter of Luddenham, OM, 70; Mr Keke Rosberg, racing driver, 42; Sir Bryan Thwaites, former chairman, Wessex Regional Health Authority, 67; Mr Charles Vance, director and theatrical producer, 61; the Right Rev Peter Walker, former Bishop of Ely, 71; Mr Peter Willey,

Mr A.T.R. Dider Malahide and the late Lady Talbot of Malahide.

> Mr P.A.B. Rigby and Miss A.V.L. Collyer The engagement is announced between Peter. elder son of Colonel and Mrs John Rigby, of Corton, Wiltshire, and Alexandrina, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs Toby Collyer, of

Bedon, Norfolk.

Dr S.A. Stott and Miss C.E. Allen The engagement is announced between Stephen Alexander, second son of Dr Norman Stott and the late Mrs Maureen Stott, of Goring-on-Thames, Berkshire, and Catherine Elizabeth, only daughter of Mr and Mrs David Allen, of Salisbury, Wiltshire.

Mr H.T. Tresidder and Miss C.F. Harrap The engagement is announced between Hereward, eldest son of Mr and Mrs James Tresidder, of St Mawes, Cornwall and Claire, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs Robert Harrap, of Milton Street,

The engagement is announced between James, eldest son of Mr C.J. Wakefield, of Chiswick London and Mrs P.J. Wakefield, of Cirencester, Gloucestershire, and Susan, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs A.M. Budd, of West Clandon,

Mother will dine with Benchers at the Middle Temple at 7.45. Princess Margaret will attend the Crime Writers' Associ-ation's annual awards dinner at the Law Society at 7.30. The Duke of Gloucester will

open the new potato grading and storage building of Rowe, Manchett and Till at Glenthorm Farm, Whittlesey Road, March, at 10.50; and will open Peterborough Central Library at 3.00. The Duchess of Gloucester will open the new Winnicott baby unit at St Mary's Hospital, Praed Street, at 11.30.

The Duke of Kent will present the MoD Apprentice Awards in the Concourse Hall Whitehall at 11.40; and, accompanied by the Duchess of Kent, will attend a Court Room dinner at the Bank of England at 7.40.

Luncheon

Prime Minister The Prime Minister was host at a luncheon held yesterday at 10 Downing Street in honour of the President of The Gambia and Lady Jawara. The other guests

Lord Waddington, QC, and Lady Waddington. Mr Malcolm Rifficton, QC, MP, Mr John Waleham, Mp, and Mrs Wakeham, Mp, and Mrs Wakeham, Mr Richard Ryder, Mrs Ryder, The Hom Loughes and Mrs Ryder, Except Mrs Ryder, Commander, Mrs Ryder, Commander, Mrs Ryder, Commander, Mrs Ryder, Mrs Ryder,

Lecture Royal Society
Professor Charles Handy
delivered the Michael Shamks
memorial lecture to the Royal
Society for the encouragement
of Arts, Manufactures and Commerce at the society's house last night.

Lord Waddington The life barony conferred on Mr David Waddington, QC, has been gazetted by the name, style and title of Baron Waddington, of Read in the County of

language of society and whosectional interests, but for the ever wished to enter had to learn it. "One of the rules was that

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conformity.

"In a society of plurality and change, there may be no detailed moral consensus that can be engraved on tablets of stone. But there can and must be a continuing conversation, joined by as many voices as possible, on what makes our society a collective enterprise; a community that embraces

many communities. Dr Sacks said there were cultural conflicts "buried like an explosive charge in one of the great under-examined words of our culture: the word

pluralism.' He said that in the early days of the BBC John Reith believed broadcasting had a

Church news Church in Wales The Rev Tegryd Joseph Greedy, Vicar of Goldeliff and Whitson and Nash, to be Vicar of the

and Peterstone Wentloog and St Bride's Wentloog diocese of University news University of Wales College of Medicine

grouped parishes of Marshfield and Peterstone Wentloop and St

Promotions from December 1: Dr D. G. Wilkinson, a senior lecturer in the department of **Anniversaries**

BIRTHS: Henry VI, reigned 1422-61, 1470-71, Windsor, 1421; Warren Hastings, first governor-general of India, Churchill, Oxfordshire, 1732; Joseph Gay-Lussac, chemist, St Léonard, France, 1778; Sir Osbert Sitwell, writer, London, 1892; Ira Gershwin, composer, New York, 1896. New York, 1896.

DEATHS: Jean Baptiste Chardin, painter, Paris, 1779; Joseph Black, chemist, Edin-burgh, 1799; Anthony Trollope, novelist, London, 1882; Jean Louis Blanc, socialist, Cannes, grade and title of reader.

Dr J. D. Williams, a senior lecturer in the department of medicine, to the grade and title of reader in nephrology.

Linus Bianc, socialist, Cannes, 1882; Jefferson Davis, president of the Confederate States in the American Civil War, 1861-65, New Orleans, 1889; Ernst Wermer of reader in nephrology.

Appointments |

Latest appointments include: Mr Justin Nason to be Ambassedor to Guatemaia, in succession to Mr B. J. Everett; who will be taking up a further appointment.

Mr Gordon Duggan to be High Commissioner to Singapore, in succession to Sir Michael Pike, who will be retiring from the Mr Peter Hermitage to be Assistant Chief Constable of

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Mr John Ambrose Morgan and Mr Sarry Woodward to be circuit judges, assigned to the Northern Circuit.

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MR HESELTINE'S DRAGON

And so the new king summoned his erstwhile rival and most valiant knight and charged him to rid the land of the fire-breathing dragon. He offered no reward beyond ridicule, toil and danger. Michael Heseltine duly sallied forth, knowing that he could not return without the poil tax corpse over his shoulder.

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Both prime minister and environment secretary have insisted that every option for reviewing — including replacing — the poll tax should be considered. They also know they must take care. A huge stock of political capital was invested in this tax by Margaret Thatcher and the Conservative party. The return may have been negative, but simply to wipe out this investment will take courage. A reversion to property taxes will be delicate, lest even more poll tax payers than now decide not to pay up in the meantime.

In his robust speech yesterday, Mr Heseltine offered to take the tax out of party politics by means of cross-party consultation. The offer wrong-footed the Labour party, which has been sound on poll tax; but its derisive reaction to the offer shows it has still not regained its poise after Mrs Thatcher's departure.

Mr Heseltine's first step should be to tell his review team to take a deep breath - and chuck the poll tax in the bin. The review team should return to the principle of a tax levied on a fixed property register, valued as before. Such a tax is cheap to collect; cannot easily be evaded; encourages the efficient use of living and working space; and, in most cases, reasonably reflects ability to pay.

Some canards about property taxes need shooting down. The poll tax has not enlarged the number of households liable for local taxes and so has not widened accountability. The extra numbers on the register are almost entirely spouses (who rarely pay separately) and council tenants whose rates are usually subsumed in rents. There is nothing to prevent councils, or housing associations, invoicing tenants separately for their rates and there is a strong case for their being made to do so in future. The poll tax, by falling harder on the poor, means more rebates - six million this year - and thus reduces, rather than increases, accountability.

Another canard is that domestic property taxes must be "revalued" and that this would be politically unpopular. This is nonsense: many countries never bother to revalue; leaving rising poundages to compensate for declining values. The chief purpose of revaluation is to correct nationwide distortions for the purpose of fixing central grant. But central grant could again be adjusted to reflect such distortions. The only real unfairness occurs when relative values have changed within a rating area. This can be met, as before, by purely local adjustments.

The biggest valuation drift was in the commercial sector, but this correction was made in the recent revaluation for uniform business rate (UBR). If local councils wish to penalise their businesses with high rates when the UBR is abolished, as it should be, that is a matter between them, local businessmen and the electors. Breaking the link between local government, the commercial tax base and the local economy by introducing the UBR was another of Mrs Thatcher's gaffes.

Also mooted is the retention of some flatrate personal charge alongside the rates. Yet a residential register is costly to maintain. The flat-rate charge would have to be sufficiently high to cover more than the cost of collection and to retain accountability "bite", yet not so high as to mean even more costly rebates. There is no virtue in such a tax except as a salve for Tory humiliation.

Another option is to remove specific portions of spending, such as education, to central government to reduce the overall burden on local revenue. Yet not only does this run counter to sensible government attempts at devolving more health and education administration from Whitehall, it also ignores the efficiency of rates as a revenue source. Raising income tax simply to cut rates - and thus, in effect, subsidise the occupation of buildings - would be an odd act for a marketoriented Tory government.

Many reforms are needed in local government. All are urgent. All require, as a first step, the slaying of the poll tax dragon. Mr Heseltine should unsheath his sword forthwith.

DUBLIN'S NEW SPIRIT

This week's debate in the Dail on Articles 2 and 3 of the Irish constitution could be a turning point in the destiny of both parts of the island. Article 2 states that "the national territory of Ireland consists of the whole island of Ireland", while Article 3 speaks of "the reintegration of the national territory". Even if, as most observers expect, the bill proposed by the Workers' party to amend the articles in question fails, the fact that the Republic's constitutional claim to Northern Ireland is no longer taken for granted must augur well for the Brooke initiative, based on setting aside the historical antipathies of Unionists and Nationalists. Since Mary Robinson's election as President of the Republic, Dublin has been possessed by a new spirit of enlightenment. No sudden about-turn by the Irish prime

minister, Charles Haughey, can be expected. The present debate, unprecedented as it is, has a prehistory. In 1985 the Anglo-Irish Agreement - which upset not only Unionists but also Irish liberals such as Mrs Robinson, who resigned from the Labour Party - committed the then Fine Gael government to de facto acceptance of the veto over unification exercised by the Protestant majority in Northern Ireland. But the wording of the agreement stopped short of seeking any change in the Irish constitution. This was treated merely as a statement of aspiration.

The recent McGimpsey case in the Irish Supreme Court places a legal obligation on the Dublin government to subscribe not merely to the aspiration to territorial unity, but to the "imperative" to pursue it. The court's tougher interpretation of the clauses forced the issue into the open. The election as president of a leading critic of the clauses has crystallised opposition to this new interpretation.

What is truly a political challenge has rightly been thrown back to the politicians, rather than left to the courts. The Workers' party's constitutional amendment is similar to one which President Robinson proposed last April. But Mr Haughey and his partners, the Progressive Democrats, and the opposition parties, Fine Gael and the Labour party, have objections to the bill as it stands.

Even were the bill to pass, the outcome of the subsequent obligatory referendum would be most uncertain. Atavistic Irish nationalism could become so inflamed during such a campaign that, like previous attempts at constitutional reform, this one could well be defeated. Only with the advent inside Fianna Haughey's can a new consensus emerge south of the border, a consensus in favour of a constitution that respects democratic rights in Northern Ireland.

Such a pessimistic assessment of the chances of reform should not, however, ignore the progress which has been made in 1990 towards formal talks between the two communities in Northern Ireland. To Unionists and Nationalists alike, the new breeze of change from the Republic has come as an unexpected bonus. British efforts to galvanise a hitherto static political scene should benefit.

Next week the Northern Ireland secretary, Peter Brooke, hopes to meet Unionist leaders as part of a rolling programme of open-ended talks. Mr Brooke must hope that new Dublin controversy over the constitution will reassure Unionists that he is not conspiring with Mr Haughey to contrive a sell-out of their cause. Only such trust will bring the Unionists, who have least to lose from a continuation of the status quo, to the negotiating table. If a sufficient number of Unionists can be convinced that the Irish government will not even given the chance - override their interests, the will to achieve a lasting settlement may not be lacking.

IN PRAISE OF BRITISH THEATRE

Is the London theatre on its last legs, crippled by rising costs, the recession and an unsympathetic government? Last week, the West End producer Duncan Weldon gave a warning that the number of shows in London would have to be cut by a third. He complained about the lack of good material on offer, and the "soaring" cost of productions. The subsidised sector adds its never-ending call for public money, the bigger the company the louder the call.

Yet good plays persist in doing well. When William Shakespeare, as playwright-actormanager, put his plays on the London stage, he packed his theatres and became a rich man. Modern British audiences also recognise quality, and are becoming, if anything, even more ready to back them with support than used to be the case. This year saw commercial and profitable productions in London not just of Shakespeare, but also of Ibsen and Chekhov. Ten years ago, experts predicted that such large-cast productions would never again be staged in the commercial theatre. A generation of theatregoers, perhaps raised on the subsidised theatre, has revitalised quality West

Britain's theatre is, by international stan-End drama. dards. startlingly good. Tourists flock to it. About 200 productions a year open in the West End alone, six or seven times as many as on New York's Broadway. Sir Peter Hall, the theatre director, says that Britain can boast 800 10 900 first-class actors. Unlike their American counterparts, they are trained primarily for the stage and are less tempted to move into films

once they have made their name. Both the subsidised and commercial sectors are prepared to stage new plays. The latest Cultural Trends, to be published next week by the Policy Studies Institute, finds that modern drama (excluding comedy) made up 31 per cent of all West End performances in 1989, the largest single category. Meanwhile inventive regional drama has helped boost theatres in Glasgow, Manchester and Birmingham.

Theatre is one cultural activity in which Britain can surpass America. Broadway sees relatively few straight plays among the ubiquitous musicals. One critic, Frank Rich of The New York Times, wields disproportionate influence.; the plays he pans usually close within days. Britain boasts healthier pluralism in its critics, and its theatregoers are more adventurous. The West End may have its dark alleys, but it remains a tolerably comfortable place to spend an evening out.

Audiences will dwindle as the economy turns down, though the latest figures from the Society of West End Theatres (SWET), for the first half of this year, show attendances are actually higher than a year before. Last year nearly 11 million people went to SWET theatres, compared with about eight million at the beginning of the decade. Theatre managers must also rue the weakness of the dollar against the pound, which makes some ticket prices approach New York levels.

But the indications are the downturn will only be cyclical. At its core, British theatre has the resilience to see out a recession. Unlike Broadway, there is a creative and financial cross-over between public and private sectors. Co-productions between subsidised and commercial theatres are now routine, while successful subsidised productions move to the West End. The mixed economy in British theatre should run and run. There is no shortage of audience for a good play, well acted and directed. The play is the thing.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

negotiations

From Mr Christopher Jackson, MEP for Kent East (European Democrat (Conservative))

Sir. You are right to criticise (leading article, December 4) both the EC and the USA for risking the loss of huge benefits to world trade through Gatt. I hope Americans will look hard at their attitudes to services, as we look again at our agriculture.

The perception on the Continent, and indeed repeated on your front page today, is that the USA and the Cairns group are demanding cuts in "farm subsidies". This is not exactly the case, and it is important to be exact. The USA is demanding cuts only in those subsidies which distort world markets - export restitutions (a polite term for dumping) in

Mrs Carla Hills (the American trade representative) made it clear when she discussed the Gatt round with us in Brussels that the USA has no objection to non-distorting subsidies directed at farmers, or woodland, or set-aside, rather than to products.

European farmers are concerned about their future, and the rest of us value the unique countrysides built up by farmers across the EC, from the wooded and meadowed mountains of Bavaria to our own familiar "Garden of England". But as the USA pointed out, where we wish to subsidise farmers (our "sovereign right", as Mrs Hills put it) we should do so in ways that do not involve subsidies of grain, beef, milk, etc. The subsidy has to be to the land, the individual, or for care of the countryside. We have already moved in this direction with set-aside and environmental payments. The NFU's approach

seems sympathetic to this. It is vital that at EC level Britain should make it crystal clear that, yes, we can move in the direction of supporting farmers while reduc-ing support for products, and that we can thus unlock the Gatt negotiations.

Yours faithfully, CHRISTOPHER JACKSON, 8 Wellmeade Drive, Sevenoaks, Kenl December 4.

Change in Singapore From Mr B. E. Clark

Sir, Your report, "Lee stands down after 31 years..." (November 27, later editions) says that Singapore was a "mosquito-ridden and unpromising little port" when Lee Kuan Yew came to power in 1959.

May I from my vantage point in Singapore on the night in question, as a member of an RAF antiriot squad, wisely locked up with gymnasium at Changi in the interests of international peace, assure your readers that the island had long since ceased to be mosquito-ridden? On the contrary, it was entirely mosquito-free and was not that unpromising a

little port either. That Lee achieved remarkable things cannot be gainsaid, but Singapore was not exactly a

banana republic. Yours faithfully. BRYAN CLARK (Bursar), Rossali School.

Fleetwood, Lancashire. Cheltenham selection

From Councillor Robert Wilson Sir, The imaginative but controversial act of selecting a black candidate, Mr John Taylor in Cheltenham, a town where the coloured population is so small, demonstrates that the historic nicture of the town is totally outdated (report, December 3).

It is sad that the "Alf Garnett tendency" exists in every party but am grateful to Mr William Galbraith (report, December 4) for making it crystal clear that the objection is simply that Mr Taylor is black, and I believe that the electors of Cheltenham will show their absolute disgust for that racist sentiment in no uncertain

way at the next general election. The selection process was carried out in complete accord with the rule book: if a candidate obtained more than 50 per cent of the votes of the executive committee of the local association, no other candidate could be offered to the adoption meeting. For a black candidate to win from a total

Social Charter issues From Professor Emeritus B. C. Roberts

Sir, The decision of the EC Council of Ministers (report, November 27) to throw out the Directive regulating part-time work proposed by the Commissigner for Social Affairs, under the umbrella provisions of the Social Charter, clearly demonstrates that Mrs Thatcher's government was right to refuse to sign this mal-

adroit document. 1, together with other members of the Bruges Group who are strong supporters of a more united Europe, believe that the determined efforts of Commissioners. MEPs and national politicians seeking to restrict the successful completion of a truly common market by the re-establishment of discredited protectionist and corporatist forms of regulation, should be resisted. We think that there is strong support for this view in the continental countries, as the recent European conference organised by the Bruges Group made evident.

We are convinced from our research that the Commissioner

Unlocking Gatt Need for patience in the Gulf

From Mr Frank Allaun From Mr Hanus Weisl

Sir, Your editorial of December 1 holds that Saddam Hussein's "destruction is a vital interest". Such an interest is not included in the three demands made both by the UN Security Council last Thursday nor by President Bush on Friday. Their three points for discussion with Iraq were: complete evacuation of Kuwait; release of the hostages; and resto-ration of the Kuwaiti government. Any insistence on Saddam Hus-

sein's destruction would surely bring about the collapse of the US-Iraq talks and be a prescription for war. Mr James Baker stated at the weekend: "There's never been any suggestion that force would be used if the UN resolutions were fully complied with" (report, December 3).

The alternative would be war - the worst evil of all. With one million servicemen positioned on both sides in the area by January 15 their slaughter, as well as the maining and deaths of equally innocent inhabitants, workers and hostages in Iraq and Kuwait would ensue, along with destruction of the oil and the oil refineries. The fighting might easily spread across the whole Middle East, with incalculable

The best way to peace is through the UN-imposed sanctions, especially effective regarding oil exports on which the country is almost entirely dependent. The trade embargo is being fully observed and is starting to bite.

Yours sincerely, FRANK ALLAUN (Vice-president, Campaign for Nuclear Disarmament), 11 Eastleigh Road, Manchester 25. December 3.

Prison visits

From Mr Terry Brown Sir, Your report (November 27) concerning "longer child visits for jailed women" does not mention jailed fathers. Children need their fathers just as much as they need their mothers.

I am a father of a seven-year-old daughter and I see her for 30 minutes a month (if I'm lucky). In a country where men and women are supposed to have equal rights, isn't it about time that longer visits by children should be given a trial in male prisons as well as female prisons? Yours faithfully,

TERRY BROWN, A Wing, HM Prison, 200 Oystermouth Road, Swansea, West Glamorgan. November 27.

Silver at No 10

Sir, Your Diary of November 28 comments on the loss to 10 Downing Street of the use of the Belton silver. This surely gives the government the opportunity to commission some modern silver from one of our talented young designer silversmiths. There could be no better way of encouraging enterprise and demonstrating work of excellence.

Yours sincerely E. S. BROADWAY. 3 Thornley Drive, December 2.

of 254 aspirants in a predominantly white provincial town surely indicates the exceptional quality of that applicant.

It is perhaps significant that the objections have not come from the party workers or activists: it is my opinion that we are witnessing the death-throes of Colonel Blimp. long overdue and totally unregret-

Yours faithfully. ROBERT WILSON. The Old Sudeley Arms, 21 Hailes Street, Winchcombe, Cheltenham, Gloucestershire. December 4.

From Mr H. R. Mayor, QC Sir, I congratulate the Cheltenham Conservative Association upon their choice of a fine prospective parliamentary candidate. I know John Taylor well; he has first-class ability.

I hope that the Cheltenham Conservatives will not think me churlish if I express the hope that their party will not receive the support or vote of one of their

for Social Affairs, Vasso Papandreou, under the guise of protecting social rights, is seeking to bolster the sagging strengths of the trade unions, who are among the

main supporters of the Social

Charter. This is a mistake. Trade unions are losing membership, except in large public sector organisations, not only in Britain, and throughout Europe. but also in every democratic country in the world; in some cases, dramatically, as in France, where no more than 8 per cent of the labour force is now in unions.

Attempts by the Commissioner for Social Affairs to offset this decline in union membership by giving them a more powerful industrial and political role at the European level will impose unnecessary burdens on employers, and do nothing to reduce unemployment, increase productivity or lower inflation.

The thrust of Mrs Papandreou's policies are not only likely to damage European competitive-

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Sir, Some ten years ago Iran and the Avatoliah Khomeini were the "baddies" of the Middle East and the West supported Iraq with arms and know-how in the war against Iran. Some seven years and a million dead later, Iraq emerged a victor - on points. Saddam Hussein had a modern army equipped by the West and enormous debts: in order to pay these off he invaded Kuwait and ac-

COUNTRY. In order to liberate occupied Kuwait the West is now supplying the Saudis and, if she should be willing, Syria, with arms and

quired the oil wealth of that

After the likely defeat of Saddam Hussein, Syria or the Saudis may well take advantage of their newly-acquired arms - find new ways of paying old debts and invade the territories of their neighbours such as Lebanon, Jordan, Israel, etc. I assume that the West will then go and arm some other Middle Eastern power to act as ally or surrogate to quell this fresh upstart.

Would it not be better if we did not go in for realpolitik and instead strove to maintain some equitable balance of power in the Middle East? Would it not be better not to export arms to this volatile area?

After 40 years of Cold War the people of Eastern Europe may just be on the threshold of achieving democratic governments. We should settle for a "long haul" and try to achieve the same in the Middle EasL

Yours faithfully. H. WEISL. 10 Greenlawns, Penylan, Cardiff. November 30.

Land registration

From Mr Hugh N. Parsons Sir, Your report (December 3) on the opening of the Land Registry to public inspection contained a broad over-simplification with regard to those properties not reg-

Although compulsory registration was introduced in 1937 it is not simply the case, as your report suggests, that only properties held by the same owners since that date will not have been registered. As compulsory registration arises on sale, properties may have changed owners, as gifts or by will, without being registered.

Secondly, although compulsory regulation was first introduced in some areas in 1937, it has been subsequently introduced throughout the country area by area. For example, Montgomeryshire only became a compulsory area in March 1988, so only properties sold after that date will have been

registered. Therefore the usefulness of the open register will vary considerably from area to area. Incidentally, registration in some London boroughs began as early as 1899 and those areas by now will presumably have almost complete registers.

Yours faithfully. HUGH N. PARSONS. Humphreys & Parsons (Solicitors), Cambrian Chambers, Cambrian Place. Aberystwyth, Dyfed. December 4.

constituents: that of William Galbraith who has recently made a brief and inglorious appearance on the pages of history. The loss of such support will

prove a substantial gain. Yours faithfully. HUGH MAYOR 2 Dr Johnson's Buildings, Temple, EC4. December 4.

From Mr J. C. E. Murray Sir, The Conservative central office would appear quite prepared to hand over a previously safe Tory seat to the Liberal Democrats if Mr John Taylor is to remain as their parliamentary candidate for Cheltenham. The party hierarchy must be more than a little naive if they believe that the British have come to regard themselves as multi-racial society. Oh, that it would be so. Yours faithfully

J. C. E. MURRAY, 62 Tonbridge Road. Maidstone, Kent. December 4.

ness but are unnecessary as a means of protecting the rights and interests of the weakest groups in the Community. Each member state has recognised this problem by membership of the International Labour Organisation and by signing the Social Charter of the Council of Europe established in

These international instruments of social protection have greater merit than the EC Social Charter, since they permit member states to meet minimum standards within the context of their differing social systems and economic circumstances. They avoid the dangers of distortions that would inevitably accompany attempts by the Commission to bring about uniform social and industrial relations systems through legally en-

forced directives. The most sensible and practical policy the Commission could follow would be to encourage support for these tried and tested instruments instead of trying to supersede them in pursuit of ideological goals.

B. C. ROBERTS. 28 Temple Fortune Lane, NW11.

Yours faithfully.

Drawbacks over Soviet aid

From Miss Nora Beloff Sir, Ambassador Zamyatin's eloquent plea to the West (December 13) to send funds to "a centralised system being set up under the personal control of President Gorbachev" needs to be understood in the context of the struggle now going on to save the collectivist system from collapse.

The ambassador is a loyal servant of his government and a very long-term beneficiary of oneparty rule. We cannot be surprised that he would prefer to see Western help sent to Gorbachev and distributed through the KGB and party-controlled "workers" committees" rather than, as The Times has suggested (leading arti-cle, November 30), delivered di-

rectly to those in need. Reformers and decentralisers are now openly arguing that genuine change is impossible within the old framework and its discredited ideology. The outcome of the struggle will depend on the peoples of the USSR and may last for decades. We cannot aspire to more than a peripheral influence. But there is no reason why we should intervene to finance the

status quo and every reason why we should make it clear to the unelected Soviet leadership that until property rights are defined. we would not expect the USSR to adapt to the modern world. Such an outcome will have to

await a new leadership with the courage to admit that collectivism - the principle achievement of the October Revolution - has been a

NORA BELOFF. 11 Belsize Road, NW6. December 3.

From Mr David Goodenday Sir. In today's Times there is a letter from the Ambassador of the USSR appealing to your readers for money to support "orphanages, pensioners' homes and hospitals". In the same paper there is a photograph and article on the launch of yet another Soviet rocket, at a cost of many millions

Food distribution is reported to be a major problem yet thousands of army lorries, with their drivers and fuel, are uselessly idle.

What possible logic could there be in giving hard-earned money in such circumstances when there is so much need elsewhere, without alternative sources? Yours faithfully. DAVID GOODENDAY. Bunkers Dip. Neville Drive, N2.

Royal coat of arms

December 3.

Sir, As the designer of the two sets of postage stamps commemorating British heraldry (1984 and 1987), also the current definitive stamps for Scotland, Northern Ireland and Wales with their heraldic emblems, plus several official heraldic devices for HM Stationery Office, I would like to endorse all the comments made by Mr Stuart Rose (November 30) about Mr Richard Moon's drawing of the royal arms for use by the Foreign Office.

Mrs Enid M. Harwood (November 30) may be interested to know that on occasions a distinct floral emblem for the Principality of Wales is used. For example. Reynolds Stone's design of the royal arms for the War Graves Commission incorporated at the base a daffodil as well as the rose. thistle and shamrock. However, it is more usual to show only the thistle, shamrock and Tudor rose, the latter reminding us of the Welsh Tudor dynasty and the historical ties of Wales and England. Yours faithfully, JEFFERY MATTHEWS, 46 Kings Hall Road, Beckenham, Kent.

From Mr Jeremy Wilkes Sir, The Devil in England (Dr Norris's letter, December 5)? I thought that the unicorn represented Scotland. Yours faithfully, JEREMY WILKES, 52 Mount Road, Dover, Kent, December 5.

Wanted: organists From Mrs Ann Longmuir

Sir. Displaced organists need be jobless no longer (November 30). I have just approached ten in this area for a stand-in for one Sunday evening service all of whom were either already playing at their own or some other parish church, or were simply not prepared to get involved with the church. The . dearth of organists in some areas is as much a threat to the continuity of good church music as is the intolerance your correspondent speaks of. Yours faithfully,

ANN LONGMUIR. 3 Kings Meadow Grove. Wetherby, West Yorkshire.

Bevond recall?

From Mrs W. A. Higgins Sir, Should auld acquaintance be forgot? After how many years is it acceptable to stop sending Christmas cards to friends whom one is never likely to see again and whose interest in the sender must be diminishing?

Yours sincerely. WINIFRED A. HIGGINS, 10 Alexandra Court, Gardens Road. Clevedon, Avon.

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CLARENCE HOUSE

December 5: Queen Elizabeth
The Queen Mother this
morning visited the Royal
Smithfield Show at Earls Court.

Dame Frances Campbell-Preston and Major Sir Ralph

Anstruther, Bt, were in

December 5: The Prince

of Wales, President, King Ed-ward's Hospital Fund for

London, visited the Riverside Venous Ulcer project at St Dunstan's Clinic, Fulham

His Royal Highness. Trustee.

Gallery followed by a meeting of

Major-General Sir Chris-

Kensington Palace The Prince of Wales,

the London Palladium, 8 Argyli

Viscountess Campden and Commander Alistair Watson.

December 5: The Princess Margaret. Countess of Snowdon, was present this eve-

ning at the British-American Associates' Ball held at the

The Countess Alexander of Tunis was in attendance.

December 5: The Duke of Gloucester, Patron, Worshipful Company of Pattenmakers, this

evening was present at a Reception in the Great Hall of

St Bartholomew's Hospital, West Smithfield, London, EC1. Major Nicholas Barne was in

attendance.
The Duchess of Gloucester,

YORK HOUSE

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were in attendance.

Forthcoming

marriages

The engagement is announced between David, second son of Mr and Mrs John Levy. The engagement is announced The engagement is announced between David, second son of Mrs F.A. Bullen The engagement is announced between David Second Seco

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dra, Chancellor, today presided

and Miss C. Swainson
The engagement is announced between Tom. elder son of Mr

Antony Rider and the late Mrs Hope Rider, of London, SW1, and Caroline, daughter of Captain and Mrs Authony Swannson, of Tunbridge Wells. Antony Rider and the late

The engagement is announced

between Peter, elder son of Colonel and Mrs John Rigby, of Corton, Wilsshire, and

and Miss F.A. Bullen
The engagement is announced between Captain Patrick Sanders. The Royal Green Jackets, elder son of Mr and Mrs John Yardley Sanders, of Fulmer Ruckenshammen.

Fulmer, Buckinghamshire, and Fiona, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs Peter Bullen, of Kirby

The engagement is announced

between Stephen Alexander, second son of Dr Norman

Stott and the late Mrs Maureen Stott. of Goring-on-Thames,

Berkshire, and Catherine Elizabeth, only daughter of

Mr and Mrs David Allen, of

and Miss C.E. Allen

Mr P.A.E. Rigby and Miss A.V.L. Collyer

Mrs Peter Troughton and

at Spencer House,

Street, London W1.

RN were in attendance.

Grosvenor House Hotel.

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December 5: Sir George Young, Bt, MP, was received by The Queen and delivered up his Wand of Office as Comprosites

Queen and delivered up his Her Royal Highness was Wand of Office as Comptroller attended by The Hon Mrs of the Household, Mr David Lightbown, MP

was received by The Queen and delivered up his Wand of Office Vice-Chamberlain of the Household and received from Her Majesty his Wand of Office as Comptroller of the

Mr John Taylor, MP was received by The Queen and received from Her Majesty his KENSINGTON PALACE Wand of Office as Vice- December 5: The Pr Chamberlain of the Household. His Excellency Señor Roberto Parrales was received in audience by The Queen and presented the Letters of Recall of his predecesor and his own Letters of Credence as Ambassador Extraordinary and Pleni-potentiary from Nicaragua to the Court of St James's.

National Gallery, subsequently attended a lunch at the National Gallery followed by a meeting of

Mr Nigel Broomfield (Deputy Under-Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs) was present and the Household in Waiting were in

Mr Emrys Davies was received in audience by The Queen upon his appointment as British High Commissioner to Mrs Davies was received by

Her Majesty.
His Excellency Vicomte Luc Vicomtesse de La Barre de Nanteuil were received in farewell audience by The Queen and took leave upon His Excellency relinquishing his appointment as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary from France to the Court of St

The Queen, Patron, this afternoon visited the Royal Academy of Dancing, Battersea. Having been received by the Mayor of Wandsworth (Councillor Mrs Jo Sedgwick), Mr Ivor Guest (Chairman of the Executive Committee) and Mr Academy), Her Majesty opened the new Fonteyn Centre and unveiled a commemorative

Subsequently, The Queen the Queen Elizabeth II award to
Mr Peter Wright.

Mrs John Dugdale, the Right

Mr Peter Wright.
Mrs John Dugdale, the Right
Hon Sir Robert Fellowes
and Wing Commander David

The Right Hon John Major, MP (Prime Minister and First Lord of the Treasury) had an audience of The Queen this

The Prince Edward today opened the new High Care Hostel for the Rugby House Project at Long Yard, London

His Royal Highness this evening presented the 1990 Torch Trophy Trust awards at Simpson (Piccadilly) Limited, Lieutenant-Colonel Sean London SW1.

This morning The Princess Royal, President, British Knit-ting and Clothing Export Coun-cil, attended the One-Day Rendezvous, King David Suite, Great Cumberland Place,

Great Cumberland Place, at ceremonies for the London. Conferment of Higher and Honorary Degrees and Post-President, Royal Yachting Association, in the afternoon University. attended a Council Meeting at the Royal Thames Yacht Club,

In the evening The Princess Royal, Commandant in Chief, St John Ambulance and

and the Hon L.V. Arundell
The engagement is announced
between Christopher, only son

of Lieutenant-Commander and

Mrs J.J.S. Daniel, of West

Meon. Hampshire, and Lucy, daughter of Lord Talbot of Malahide and the late Lady

The engagement is announced between Nicholas, son of Mr and Mrs Edward Kilhams, of

Abingdon. Oxfordshire, and Catherine, daughter of Mr and

Mrs Robert D. Reith, of Radlett.

Johannesburg, and Suc

Elizabeth, twin daughter of Dr and Mrs T.G. Ramsell, of Burton, Wirral, Cheshire,

The engagement is announced between Robin, elder son of the

late Colonel Douglas Parker, OBE, and of Mrs Parker, of

Farnham. Surrey, and Julia, elder daughter of Dr and Mrs Guy Hamilton, of Woking, Surrey, and Ingworth, Norfolk.

The engagement is announced

between Nigel, younger son of Mr and Mrs T. Put, of Good

Easter, Essex, and Catherine, youngest daughter of the late Mr

J.H. Wilson and of Mrs E.J. Carey-Wilson, of Halewell,

Withington, Gloucestershire.

Torch Trophy Trust His Royal Highness The Prince

Edward presented the Torch

Trophy Trust Awards for 1990

vesterday evening at a reception

held at Simpson (Piccadilly) Limited. His Royal Highness

was received by Mr E.A. Croker.

chairman of the trust, and Mr J.C.R. Franks. Managing Direc-

tor of Simpson (Precadilly) Lim-

ited. Among those present were:

ATTHURS LINDS PRESCRI WE'RE LORD ADDRESS. MP. LICULERAM COMMANDERS ST. RICHARD BUCKEY, MYS J. G. Franks, MYS C. Janes, Dr. and Mys D. W. C. SIRKH and MY D. UZDO.

Reception

Mr N.W. Pitt and Miss C.J. Carey-Wilson

Mr C.S. Daniel

Talbot of Malahide

and Miss C.A. Reith

Dr D.I. Levy and Dr S.E. Ramsell

OBITUARIES

Dr Denis Williams, CBE, neurologist, died on November 26 aged 81. He was born in Aberaeron on December 4,

AFTER a number of iunior medical appointments in London Denis Williams took up a Rockefeller travelling fellowship at the Harvard Neurological Unit at Boston City Hospital. There he came under the influence of Stanley Cobb who was doing pioneering work in the subject of epilepsy. Williams collabo-rated with Dr Fred Gibbs in early work on the use of electrical recordings of brain activity in the study of patients with epilepsy (electro-

encephalography). He remained in the forefront of this field until his retirement and accumulated a vast experience both in the clinical and electrophysiological aspect of this subject.

When he returned from Major-General Sir Christopher Airy was in attendance.
The Prince and Princess of
Wales received the Honourable
Ronald and Mrs Reagan at Boston just before the outbreak of war he had sufficient foresight to bring with him a small EEG recording machine, which he used at the National Hospital. This was President, The Prince's Trust, accompanied by The Princess of Wales, attended a Royal Gala Evening in aid of the Trust, at the first apparatus of its sort put to clinical use in Britain.

Denis Williams had already ioined the RAF reserve and was based at the Head Injury Hospital at St Hugh's in Oxford which had been set up by Riddoch, Symonds and Cairns as a special neurological centre for the Army and the RAF. He collaborated with Symonds in the important studies on stress in operational air crews and



DENIS WILLIAMS

difficult field.

as registrar at the National in his early thirties. Consulmust have tempered some of Hospital, Queen Square. He tant appointments came rap- son and two daughters.

Symonds's more severe judge- had already been elected to the ments in this extraordinarily fellowship of the Royal College of Physicians (1943), an He returned to civilian life unusual distinction for a man

idly and he was appointed consultant physician to the National Hospital and St George's Hospital. He was for many years civil consultant in neurology to the RAF and a consultant adviser to the chief medical officer at the Department of Health. He edited Brain, the journal of neurology, and a number of editions of Modern Trends in Neurol-

Denis Williams made significant contributions to neurology in fields as diverse as cerebrovascular disease (particularly in relationship to the basilar artery) and subacute scierosing pan-encephalitis. He had a very quick clinical sense and would often arrive successfully at a diagnosis with what was almost an mspired guess when others labouring slowly and more orthodoxly might fail to get there at all. He appeared to have extraordinary insight into the workings of the minds of his patients - and sometimes of his colleagues which was half jokingly attributed to Celtic second sight.

In the last few years of his work as a consultant on the staff at the National Hospital he was instrumental in the foundation of the Brain Research Trust which, largely through his efforts, gathered, and continues to gather, considerable funds for neurological research in the Institute

of Neurology and elsewhere. Denis Williams died after a long and distressing illness. He is survived by his widow,

ELLIS COSSLETT

pioneer of electron micros-copy, died on November 21 aged 82. He was born on June 16, 1908.

ELLIS Cosslett was internationally known for his pioneering work in electron microscopy and as the successful builder at Cambridge of one of the most famous high resolution instruments. Throughout his career he was in contact with leading scientists all over the world, including China and Russia. He was a founder member of the International Federation of Electron Microscope Societies, an organisation that transcends national and ideological barriers.

Cosslett was educated at Cirencester grammar school and Bristol university, where he later obtained his Ph D. He was awarded a Cambridge Sc D in 1963 and was made an honorary D Sc by Tübingen. After beginning his research career at Bristol in 1929, he spent a year at the Kaiser-Wilhelm research institute in Berlin and this experience awakened his interest in electron optics. He worked at Oxford during the war as a lecturer in physics at the electrical laboratory. In 1946 an ICI fellowship brought him to Cambridge and three years later he became a lecturer at the Cavendish Laboratory, where he worked for the rest of his life. He was promoted to reader in 1965, emeritus from 1975. He became a fellow of Corpus Christi College in 1963.,

When Cosslett came to Cambridge the electron microscone was a new and relatively unknown instrument. Largely thanks to him knowledge of the new techniques spread rapidly to other departments. His wide background in chemistry, physics, biology and languages meant that he could see the value of his work to other

Dr Vernon Ellis Cosslett, FRS, disciplines, including mediwas a revolutionary, a fine organiser with the air of a prophet and the skill of a diplomat.

Cosslett was made a fellow of the Royal Society in 1972 but never became a professor although colleagues from abroad always assumed he was. By sheer personality and hard work he made the Cavendish Laboratory a world centre for electron microscopy and attracted talented people to work with him.

Internationally he played a prominent part in the formation of the electron microscopy group of the Institute of Physics and the Physical Society, and was its first secretary and, later, its chairman. He served on the board of the Institute of Physics, and was president of the Royal Microscopical Society, which was saved from possible extinction by the success of the electron microscope.

In 1936 Cosslett married Rosemary Wilson, but the marriage was dissolved. Four years later he married Dr Anna Joanna Wischin, She was a skilled microscopist who worked in the laboratory with him and shared in all aspects of his work. They were a powerful team until her death in 1969 He is survived by his son

and daughter.



IGNACIO GALLEGO

Teodoro Ignacio Gallego Bezares, a leader of the Spanish Communist Party (PCE), died in Madrid on November 24 of heart failure aged 76. He was born on April 1, 1914.

arden, London, WC2. Mrs Howard Page was in A SELF-educated swineherd from the little town of Siles in the southern agricultural province of Jaen, Ignacio Gallego became a major in the December 5: The Duchess of republican army during the Kent, Patron, this morning Spanish civil war. He was a opened Age Concern England's new headquarters, Astral House, 1268 London Road, London SW16. member of the executive committee of the Spanish Communist Party for more than Mrs Colin Marsh was in three decades and a vicepresident of the post-Franco The Duke and Duchess of Congress of Deputies, the Kent this evening attended a Reception and special showing of Channel 4's film Maestro in powerful lower house of the Spanish parliament.

He joined the Socialist claimed and quickly became Communist Party, and he elopment of the Communist provincial secretary general of that movement. In 1937, with Spain's bitter civil war already when he dissented from the Masses We Want' and "In He leaves a widow, three Spanish republic was pro-

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under way, he became a ture and quit the PCE. During ers", he did not achieve the ber of the executive com- the executive committee, mittee of Unified Socialist most of which coincided with Youth, which brought to- the years of the Franco regime. gether the socialist and communist youth movements.

A born leader, Gallego then joined the Second Jaén Battalion as an officer. After the civil war he was interned in Oran. in what was then colonial Algeria, serving time in the Morán and Bogadi concentration camps. He soon made his way to the Soviet Union. however, and lived there until 1945, when he moved to France. There he remained until July 1976, eight months after the death of General

In 1948 he became a memvouth movement when the ber of the executive committee of the Spanish

one of his principal tasks had been that of party

An MP for Cordoba in the first two legislatures of Spain's post-Franco democracy, he lost his seat in the third legislature after resigning from the PCE to found his own Spanish Peoples' Communist Party (PCPE). Last year he returned to the PCE and became a member of the presidential committee of the communist-led coalition drid daily El Pais, Augusta United Left (IU), and regained remarked: "It goes without his seat in parliament, this time representing Malaga.

The author of several trea-tises, including "Dev-Spain's bitter civil war already party's Eurocommunist pos- Defence of Emigrant Work- sons and a daughter.

founding member and a mem- the 36 years that he served on fame of some of his close comrades, such as Santiago Carillo, former secretary general of the PCE and - like Gallego - eventual founder of a splinter party, or Dolores Ibárruri, "La Pasionaria", late president of the PCE.

The present secretary general of the PCE and president of IU, Julio Anguita, was one of Gallego's proteges, working as his private secretary when Gallego was an MP for Cordoba. In a brief commentary in the independent leftist Masaying that the news of Gallego's death...was sad and hard to take, not only for com-

the shaking of the founda-

tions. Liberals argued success-

fully that law could not be

used to enforce private

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He said: "From this dead-

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society not as one in which

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languages, but rather as one in

which we each have to be

Dr Sacks said pluralism

"The problem is that plural-

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common good."

cultural collision."

As a result, the lines

morality."

LORD PEARCE

Sir James Comyn writes:

MANY years of happy association with Lord Pearce impressed me and others with three characteristics over and above those mentioned in your admirable obituary (November 28).

Firstly his ability for hard work. Secondly his cheerfulness and his kindness. And thirdly as a judge the simplicity and common sense shown by him to litigant and lawyer and welcomed by both. He had the great ability to clarify what had hitherto been obscure or been obscured. He brought down to earth what last quality is enshrined in the

Law Reports forever.

much should have lost his wife and both his children in his closing years.

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Neville Willmer writes:

IN YOUR otherwise splendid obituary of Lord Pearce no mention is made of his prowess on the games field. As his contemporary at Corpus Christi College I recall that he was playing some game or other every afternoon. He was certainly a wizard with the hockey stick, but I specially remember him on the cricket field where he and Robertson-Glasgow made every game a had been too long lingering in joy and set us examples of skill the clouds. Fortunately this and fair play. Games, in those days, were played for fun; and fun we had. His wit on the It was a particular tragedy cricket field was as great as in that one who had given so his after-dinner speeches.

engagements Afterwards, Her Royal Highness opened the new Graduate College on the The Lady Mary Mumford was

Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother will dine with Benchers at the Middle Temple at 7.45. Princess Margaret will attend the Crime Writers' Associ-

ation's annual awards dinner at the Law Society at 7.30. The Duke of Gloucester will

open the new potato grading and storage building of Rowe, Manchett and Till at Glenthorm Farm. Whittlesey Road, March, at 10.50; and will open Peter-borough Central Library at 3.00. The Duchess of Gloucester will open the new Winnicott baby unit at St Mary's Hospital, Praed Street, at 11.30.

The Duke of Kent will present the MoD Apprentice Awards in the Concourse Hall Whitehall at 11.40; and, accompanied by the Duchess of Kent, will attend a

Luncheon

Prime Migister The Prime Minister was host at a luncheon held yesterday at 10 Downing Street in honour of the President of The Gambia and Lady Jawara. The other guests

Mr H.T. Tresidder and Miss C.F. Harrap The engagement is announced between Hereward, eldest son of Mr and Mrs James Tresidder, of St Mawes, Cornwali and Claire, Robert Harrap, of Milton Street,

Mr J.C. Wakefield and Miss S.C. Budd The engagement is announced between James, eldest son of Mr C.J. Wakefield, of Chiswick, London, and Mrs P.J.

Wakefield, of Cirencester.

Gloucestershire, and Susan,

younger daughter of Mr and Mrs A.M. Budd, of West Clandon,

of Corton. Wiltshire. and Alexandrina, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs Toby Collyer, of Peppering. Burpham, Sussex.

Nicholan Hinton, Mr Robert Haivay.
Mr and Mrs Bryan Toys, Mr and
Mrs A D Orsich, Commander and Mrs
David Newing, Mr Cotin Cowdrey, Mr
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Ser Richard and Lady Vincent, Midor.
General and Mrs P W Graham, Mr
and Mrs Tim Lankester, Mr and Mrs
A J Poyrt, Mr Pathols Fairwasther
and Mrs and Mrs Charles Powell.

Lecture

Royal Society Professor Charles Handy delivered the Michael Shanks memorial locture to the Royal Society for the encouragement of Aris. Manufactures and Commerce at the society's house last night.

Lord Waddington The life barony conferred on Mr David Waddington, QC, has been gazetted by the name, style and tatle of Baron Waddington, of Read in the County of Langachim **Reith lecture**

Looking for the common good in pluralism

path to more, not fewer, tensions, Dr Jonathan Sacks, the Chief Rabbi-elect, said last

night.
Delivering his fourth Reith lecture on Radio 4, he said the made diversity in society made many people uneasy. "But disestablishment would be a "But significant retreat from the notion that we share any

values and beliefs at all." In his lecture, Paradoxes of Pluralism, to be repeated on Radio 3 next Monday, Dr Sacks urged people of all faiths to search for more than merely sectional interests, but for the common good.

"In a society of plurality and change, there may be no detailed moral consensus that can be engraved on tablets of stone. But there can and must be a continuing conversation, joined by as many voices as possible, on what makes our society a collective enterprise; a community that embraces

many communities." Dr Sacks said there were cultural conflicts "buried like an explosive charge in one of the great under-examined words of our culture: the word oluralism.

He said that in the early days of the BBC John Reith believed broadcasting had a

The Rev Tegryd Joseph Greedy, Vicar of Goldeliff and Whitson and Nash, to be Vicar of the grouped parishes of Marshfield and Peterstone Wentloog and St Bride's Wentloog, discess of Mongrouth

University news

University of Wales College

Promotions from December 1:

Dr D. G. Wilkinson, a senior

lecturer in the department of

psychological medicine, to the

Dr J. D. Williams, a senior

lecturer in the department of

medicine, to the grade and title of reader in nephrology.

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Church news

Church in Weles

Monmouth.

By RUTH GLEDHILL, RELIGIOUS AFFAIRS REPORTER THE disestablishment of the responsibility to reflect and future was best left in the Church of England would be a strengthen what he called hands of those who would path to more, not fewer, "that spirit of common sense inherit it. Theologians spoke Christian ethics which we about the death of God and believe to be a necessary component of citizenship and

> Dr Sacks said: "That tradition remains a significant part of our national life, even if it has been joined by other voices, some religious, some

> Under the liberalism of the nineteenth century, when civil rights were extended to Roman Catholics, Free Church members and Jews, there remained a distinctive language of society and whoever wished to enter had to learn it.

One of the rules was that religious nonconformity was permitted, so long as it private." Jews learned to hide their identity so well that one man defined their creed as incognito ergo sum.
Dr Sacks said the idea of a

single public culture was not shattered until the 1960s, when local identities began to be asserted, the civil rights movement in the United States announced that black was beautiful and young people rebelled against moral conformity.

"The past seemed to have used up its moral capital. The bilingual."

BIRTHS: Henry VI, reigned 1422-61, 1470-71, Windsor, 1421; Warren Hastings, first

governor-general of India,

Churchill, Oxfordshire, 1732; Joseph Gay-Lussac, chemist, St Leonard, France, 1778; Sir Osbert Sitwell, writer, London.

1892; Ira Gershwin, composer,

DEATHS: Jean Baptiste

Chardin, painter, Paris, 1779; Joseph Black, chemist, Edin-

burgh, 1799; Anthony Trollope, novelist, London, 1882; Jean

ner von Siemens, engineer, Ber-lin, 1892.

Anniversaries

New York, 1896.

Appointments

Latest appointments include: Mr Justin Nason to be Ambassador to Guaternala, in succession to Mr B. J. Everett, who will be taking up a further Diplomatic

Mr Gordon Dungan to be High Commissioner to Singapore, in succession to Sir Michael Pike, who will be retiring from the Diplomatic Service. Mr Peter Heralings to be Assistant Chief Constable of

Louis Blanc, socialist, Cannes, 1882; Jefferson Davis, president of the Confederate States in the American Civil War, 1861-65. Legal Mr John Ambrose Morgan and Mr Barry Woodward to be circuit judges, assigned to the Northern Circuit. New Orleans, 1889; Ernst Wer-

Dinners Speaker The Speaker and Mrs Weatherill gave a dinner last night in Speaker's House in honour of the High Commissioner for Australia and Mrs McClelland.

Mr David Hant. MP, and Mrs Hunt. Mr. Alfred Morris. MP, and Mrs Motris. Lord and Lady Grey of Nasunton, Mr and Mrs John Sudock. Sir John and Lady Sainty, Mr Giles Taylor and Dr Jill Taylor. City Livery Club
The Lord Mayor, accompanied by the Lady Mayoress, the Sheriffs and their ladies,

The other guests were:

Sheriffs and their ladies, attended the annual dinner of the City Livery Club held last night at Guildhall. Mr G.R. Redeliff presided. The Lord Mayor, Mr Winston S. Churchill, MP, Mr Alderman N. Young and Air Chief Marshal Sir Peter Harding also spoke. Mr Lod Cook

A dinner was given last night by Mr Lod Cook, Chairman of the Atlantic Richfield Company, at Claridge's, The guests of honour were the Right Hon Margaret Thatcher, MP, and Mr Ronald Reagan, GCB. Other guests The French Ambassador, the Chi Ambassador, the Norwegian Am tador, the Mexican Ambassa the American Ambassador, the Spa Ambassador, the Spa

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Waldegrave. MP. Mr James Wallace.
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Wilson. D. Webert Wood and Mr
Robert E. Wycost.

Bankers' Taxation Circle Mr M. A. Johns, Under-Secretary of the Oil and Financial Divison of the Inland Revenue, was the guest speaker at a dinner of the Bankers' Taxation Circle held last night at Cottons Centre, Hays Lanc, SEI, Mr G. Stenson, president, presided.

Salmon and Trout Association Miss Penclope Turing presided at the annual dinner of the Salmon and Trout Association held last night at Fishmongers riall. The principal guests included:

Lord and Lady Sanderson of Bowden, Me and Mrs David Klunerucy, the Prime Warden of the Flahmoogers Company and Mrs Butterwick, the Clerk of the Fishmongers Company and Mrs Cibren. Mass Veryan John-son and Mr and Mrs K S Waters. Marketing Group of

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Great Britain
Mr David Wynne-Morgan presided at the dinner held last
night at the Hyart Carlton
Tower Hotel by the Marketing
Group of Great Britain. The
guest speaker was Mr Anthony
J.J. Simonds-Gooding, former
Chief Executive of British
Satellite Broadcasting Limited.

Birthdays today Mr Jack Ashley. CH, MP, 68;

Mr David Barons, racchorse trainer, 54: Mr Dave Brubeck, musician, 70; Vice-Admiral Sir John Cadell, 61; Lord Clinton-Davis, 62: Air Marshal Sir John Curtiss, 66; Lord Emslie, 71; Earl Granville, 72; Mr Derek Hill. artist, 74; Mr Jonathan King, broadcaster, 46; Sir Richard Lloyd, chauman, Hill Samuel Bank, 62; Sir Nicholas Lyell, QC, MP, 52; the Right Rev Eric Mercer, former Bishop of Exeter, 73; Sir George Pinker, former Surgeon-Gynaccologist to the Queen, 66; Lord Porter of Luddenham, OM, 70; Mr Keke Rosberg, racing driver, 42; Sir Bryan Thwastes, former chair-man, Wessex Regional Health Authority, 67; Mr Charles Vance, director and theatrical producer, 61: the Right Rev Peter Walker, former Bishop of Ely, 71; Mr Peter Willey, cricketer, 41.

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BATE - On December 1st. after a short timess, at Warunch Hospital. Eiteen. Detoved wife of Neville and searly fored mother of Olivea. Jetfrey and David. Funeral at Oakley Wood Cremstorium, Learnington Spa. at 12 mon., followed by Memorial Scruce at St. James Church.

ATRIEL - On December 4th, to Moran, the wife of Major James Athil, a sor, Darius Lawrence. EAZALGETTE - On December 3rd 1990, to Hillary (tobe Newtos) and Peter, a son, Felix Adam, a brother for Emily.

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at The British Military
at The British Military
Hospital, Hanover, to Sarah
(nee Silis) and John, a son
Thomas Roben Compton.

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Thomas Roben Compton.

The Rose.
Cambridge, to Sue and Paul,
a son, William Henry, a
brother for Julian, Repecta,
Rachel, Camilla, Charlotte.
Toothas and Pulipoa.

CHARMEY - On December
4th, at St Mary's Paddington,
to Miranda thee Military and
Tristram, a daughter.

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GCATS - On December 4th, at
The Portland Hospital. to
Belinda (wite McKechnie) and
Nico. a daughter. Nico, a da spital. Chichester, to Jane se Rowson) and Jasper, a sugnter, Rose. daughter. Rove.

FESSEL - On December 2nd, at
The Portland Hospital to
Shelley and David, a son.
FOSSES - On November 16th.
to kerry and James, a
daughter. Katherine
Elizabeth.

FESTERAMON - On December
2nd, in Anika and Belander.

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noon, followed by Memorial
Service at Starner. Church,
Cupping Campden, at 3 pcn.
on Tuesday December 11th.
Interment at Bathwick
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1990, peacefully, John Burr
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Betowed husband of the late
Brenda, dear father of
Timothy and Susan, much
loved grandfather and greatgrandfather. Funeral at 52
Catherine's Church,
Netherhampton, Salisbury,
on December 7th at 2.30 om,
followed by private cremation, Family Bowers only,
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and grandfather of Ruth and Tony
and grandfather of Annie.
Seve, Curis and Tim. Such
happy and Loving memories.
MARCOURT - On Monday
December 3rd, peacefully at
Cemenisdene Nursing
Horne, Oxited, formerty of
Grusstreet Shaw, Jennie,
aged 80, dearly loved mother of
Anne and Simon and
grandmother of Sussman,
Alexander and Michael,
Funeral at St. Peter's.
Limpsfield, on Tuesday
December 1th at 2 pm,
followed by cremation at
Croydon Cremation at
Croydon Cremation at ERRIBEANN - On December 2nd. to Anika and Rotand, a daughter, Anna Felicity, a stater for Matthias and Karuna, Always remembering Christopher. Many special thanks to Maria Lindauy. Lineary.

BICSHIAN - On November 29th 1990. to Vanessa Caroline (nee Latchford) and Timothy Robert, a daughter. Camilla Beatrice.

LUESOCK - On November 30th, to Diana (nee Tobin) and Maurice, a daughter. Olivia Adelaide.

BIOSES On December 5th in MOSES - On December 5th, In Sydney, to Alexandra (née Whigham) and Henry, a

Croydon Crematorium.

IAMESAN - On December Shi
1990, peacefully at
Codaiming. Constance (née
Dobie), widow of Sir Wilson
Jameson. Greatily loved stant
and great-aunt. Cremation
private. tottowed by Service
of Thanksgiving at Compton
Parish Church, Thursday
December 13th at 2.30 pm.
Family Rowers only.
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Perseverance Trust at
Howard House, Vicarage
Way, Gerrards Cross, Bucks.

JOHNSON - On December 4th. daughter.
O'MERFFE On November
30th 1990 at 3.55 pm, to
Margaret (pée Egan) and
Timothy, a son. John
Lawrence. Deo Gratias. Lawrence. Deo Gratias.

PRAGER - On December 1st.

to Gillian (née Biggs) and
Michael. a daughter. Emma
Elizabeth. a sister for Head.

PRICE - On November 21st
1990. at The John Raddliffe.
Oxford. to Eintabeth (née
Howells) and Malcolim, a
daughter. Jessica Anne.

ROBINSON - On December
2nd. at The Portiand
Hospital. to Nicola (née de
Selincourt) and Simon, a son.
Edward Rupert de
Selincourt, a brother for
Bethamin. Way, Gerrards Cross, Bucks.

JOHRSON - On December &th.
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hisband of Elizabeth and
father of Douglas, beactfully
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Scruce, St. Andrew's
Church, Burnham-on-Sea,
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WAUGH - On December 4th 1990, to Catrin (née Davies) and Andrew, a stillborn daughter, Angharad Prys, a sister to Matthew. With our thanks to the staff at Kings, College Hospital for all their WEATHERHEAD - On

ALLMAN - On December 4th. peacerulty, leahel Oglivie (nie Grant) 'Gillie', of Farnham, formerly of Lincoln's Inn, widow of Wiltrid Herbert Alman. Cremation at Aidershot on Friday December 7th at 4 pm. No Gowers by request. Donations, if desired, to The World Wildlife Fund. Godslming, Surrey.

DISHOP - On Monday
December 3rd 1990, pearfully at her home in
Framingham, Suffolk, LL
Ool, Saily Margaret Bishop
M.B.E., W.R.A.C. Funeral
Service at St Michael's
Church, Framingham, Suffulk, on Tuesday December
11th at 2 pm, followed by
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B. IMBELL - On December 3rd, in hospital. Fr Richard. S.J., aged 68. Funeral Mass al Sacred Heart Church. Edge Hill., Wimbledon, on Wetnesday December 12th

CUFF MILLER - On December 5th 1990, Ellis, William Cuff Miller (Cuff), dearly loved husband of Nan, loving sterather of Jean and Paul, Funeral Service at Wortung Funeral Service at Worthing Crematorium. Findon. on Monday December 10th at 11 am. Family, flowers and close friends only. Donations for the R.N.L. Chichester Branch may be sent c/o F.A. Holland & Son, Terminus Road. Littlehampton, let: (0903) 713939.

Paris many private houses were also

Boulevards was very striking, but not

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vard, in the vicinity of these streets,

These illuminations began before tears...

Rue Drouot was lighted up.

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Golders Green Crematorium at 2.50 pm. Flowers to Leverton & Sons Lid., 624 Finchley Road, NW11. ON THIS DAY

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LEWIS - On December 3rd.

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LEWITHWAITE - On December

South Glamorgan.

LEWTHWAITE - On December 4th 1990. Val. Funeral Service for family and close friends at 11.30 am on Tuestay December 11th at the Church of St John the Baptist. Latton. Wild and garden flowers only, donations to Young People in Need C/o The Rev. K Withington, The Vicarage. Cricklade. Swindon, Wilts.

MYERS - On December 1st 1990. Mark, beloved husband of Kathertne, much loved father of Lucy and Robert. Funeral Service on Friday December 7th at Golders Green Crematorium at 2,50 pm. Flowers to

Charles-Louis Napoleon Bonaparte (1808-73) was the nephew of Napoleon In 1848 he was elected pyrotechnists being the youths of the

president of the French republic; four quarter... years later he was accepted as emperor. With the Prussian victory in the Franco-Prussian war the Second Empire collapsed and the emperor went into exile to England where he dicd. THE EMPIRE IN FRANCE

It seems pretty generally admitted that the illuminations of last night, in celebration of the establishment of the Empire, were not only more brilliant, but more general than on any previous occasion for a esty had previously written to the Minister of the Interior to decire I do not allude to the Government that no preparations should be made

but it is certain that in every part of made without pomp. The Emperor was received at the Paris many private notices of the diluminated. The coup d'oeil on the liluminated. The coup d'oeil on the Hôtel Dieu by the Archbishop of Paris, the Prefect of the Seine, the the least remarkable was the consider Prefect of Police, M. Henri erable number of private houses and Chevreau, Secretary-General to the erause number of private up, not only shops which were lighted up, not only on the Boulevards, but also in the physicians and surgeons of the establishment. His Majesty first proceeded to the chapel, where a end Faubourg St. Martin the Rue St. Domine, saleum for Imperatorem Antoine, and other quarters where was sung. He then went through the the revolutionary spirit was formerly several sick wards, and as he passed the revolutionary spirit was followed along spoke kindly to several of the the most arder.

In the Faubourg St. Marceau, too, in the faubourg in the randoms and the Place and who had walked 70 leagues to see the display was great and the Place the Cuspias was given bourhood the Emperor, who has accorded him a St. Sulpice and its neignounting pension. There was also an old were no less remarkable for their pension. There was also an old imperial Guard, who had accompaand Rue Richelieu a good number of private houses and shops displayed private houses are shops displayed private houses and shops displayed private houses are shops displayed private houses and shops displayed private house private nouses and stops chiefly in soliciting the Cross or a pension. The many varieties of lights, chiefly in

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MEYER - On December 3rd 1990, suddenly in Phiphins. Charles Monlagu (Monty), of Westminster, Lowed humand of Gee. father of Peter and Chroline. grandfather of Robert. Funeral Service on Tuesday December 11th at 31 Thomas A'Beclei Church. Pagnam. at 12.15 pm. followed by committed at Chichaster Crematorium at 1 pm. Flowers to Reynolds Planeral Service, 31 High Street. Bognor Regis. tel: (0243) 864746.

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NAGY - On Sundery December 2nd 1990, suddenly after a brave and digadled fight, Gabor Beta, aged 54 years, dear husband of Aume and loving father of Michael and Peter. Fumeral Service at St. James Church. Cambridge, on Tuesday December 11th at 2.45 pm. by be followed by private cremation, Please no flowers. but donations if desired for the Friends of Arthur Ramk House may be sent to Brian Warner Funeral Service, 4 Harshel Court, Hartington Grove, Cambridge.

NONTHERROOK - On December 4th, suddenly, Francis, Jonn, 5th, Baron Northbrook, beloved husband of Rowena and much loved father of Laura, Francis, Alexandra and Catherine and grandfather of Arabella, James, Ocenge, Philip, Temora and Chemonia, Funeral Private, Family Rowers only, Artungenomis for Memorial Service to be announced later.

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PADMORE - On December 4th 1990. Ida Joan, peacefully at her home. 'Whiteme'. The Close, Llanfairfechan, aged 52 years. Wife of P.M. Padmore, loving mother, grandmother, Funeral Fronzy December 7th, tervice at Christ Church, Llanfairfechan, at 11 am. followed by cremation at Bangor Crematorium. Family flowers only. Donations if so desired to N.S.P.C.C. and

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Eastern promise of jobs for Brits

ore than 300,000 people from Hong Kong are expected to apply for British passports during the next three months under the government's find jobs for non-Chinese scheme to grant entry to 32,700 key job-holders.

produce job opportunities for British information technology (IT) staff in Hong Kong. though perhaps fewer than

About 62,000 people are expected to leave Hong Kong this year, and 10 per cent of the colony's population is likely to leave before 1997. creating staff shortages in leading industries.

"The brain drain has affected almost every industry and every sector in Hong computer and Unix operating Kong, IT is one of the most system skills is growing ranseriously affected," says Car-lye Tsui. chairman of the British Computer Society's (BCS) Hong Kong section. "With the

chronic shortage of IT manpower in Hong Kong, firms and organisations gage imported manpower for IT projects, from places such as Britain but also the Philippines and In-dia." One expat-

riate Hong Kong left. "Although the gap is being filled by promotions build up management skills, so there are many vacancies and lots of opportunities for overseas managers," he says.

Hong Kong is estimated to have more than 5,000 IT specialists. About a fifth are members of the BCS. Those who have professional qualifications and links with Britain will gain a number of extra points under the system used to assess applicants for British citizenship.

Although Hong Kong's polytechnics and colleges have developed fast-track courses to train computer people, many employers are trying to recruit abroad. Often, however, they are interested in cheaper sources of IT staff than Britain

from China," says Alice to those in Tokyo." Beddis, the managing director of Hong Kong-based Com-

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tants. "But it is not so easy to people because of the language 22. /UU key job-holders. barrier. Ideally, many employ-The exodus is likely to ers prefer their information technology staff to be able to communicate with their computer users in both Cantonese and English.

Some British IT staff come for three to six months and then have to leave without finding work," she says. About 90 per cent of vacancies are for IBM staff and

the remainder for those with experience of Digital Equipment systems. Agencies report that demand for personal system skills is growing rapidly, but say there are few contract positions in Hons Kong as businesses usually hire and fire

according to mar-ket forces. "There 'Experienced are not many conanalyst tract jobs as there and organisations have begun to enprogrammers unions in Hong could earn Kong and it is no problem for firms around to lay off staff when they are no £1,500 alonger needed," week' Ms Beddis says. She warns that

staff thinking of IT specialist says many mid- seeking employment in Hong dle-management staff have Kong will need to go there as few businesses will hire foreign staff without interviewing from within it takes time to them. This, of course, can mean a wasted trip.

Another problem is that few British IT employment agen cies are recruiting staff for Hong Kong. They are concentrating instead on placing residents elsewhere.

pportunities, however, are still there, says Tony Antoniades, the managing director of the Eurolink recruitment agency, which has its headquarters in Brighton, Sussex.

"There are now a grea many jobs available in Hone Kong and the rates are a lot more than in the United States," he says. "An experienced analyst programmer could earn around £1,500 a week. But the cost of living is "Many firms are hiring high as prices for accommodaprogrammers and analysts tion are fearsome and similar



Animal magic: Professor Oliver Dolly is studying the deadly effect of snake bite toxins on humans to produce a

king a tip from the witch doctor

oisonous snakes and scor-pions are not man's best friends. The black mamba, for instance, carries enough venom to kill ten men and scorpions' stings can lead to death. Scientists at London's Imperial

College, however, are using snake venoms and other natural poisons as probes to investigate synaptic transmission, a key process in carrying messages around the nervous system and to organs. Their discoveries may ultimately help in the design of super-selective drugs targeting specific groups of cells in certain disorders, without disturbing other cells.

Toxins go straight to particular parts of the nervous system. The researchers hope the new, selective drugs would do the same, but with eficial effects.

The research team is interested in two groups of toxins, says Oliver Dolly, professor of molecular neurobiology at Imperial. They are

THE radioactive gas radon which seeps into houses from decaying uranium rocks beneath the ground, affects more than 75,000 British homes, according to the National Radiological Protection Board. The gas is believed to cause

2,500 lung cancer deaths a year, and scientists at Bristol university say it could also be implicated in 1,800 leukae-

Snake venom holds a key to developing super drugs for controlling nervous system disorders such as epilepsy. Malcolm Brown explains

the bacterial ones, such as botulinum toxin, which causes the potentially fatal food poisoning, botu-lism, and toxins isolated from the venom of snakes and other creatures, including scorpions and bees. The former might be called "blockers", the latter "facilitators". The blockers stop the release of neurotransmitters, the chemicals at the centre of synaptic transmission. The facilitators increase the outflow

Synapses are the gaps across which impulses pass between nerve cells. When the electrical impulse in a cell reaches a synapse it triggers the release of a neurotransmitter. which diffuses across the gap carrying the "message" to the next cell. On arrival the chemical triggers a response in the neighbouring cell.

People living in high-radon

areas such as southwest Eng-

land have had to either insert

pumps beneath their homes to

siphon the gas out, or install

fans in the attic to disperse it.

If synaptic transmission is blocked, the messages to motor nerve endings cannot get through. Motor nerves carry impulses from the spinal cord to muscles, and blockage may cause neuromuscular paralysis and even death.

The toxins based on venoms increase electrical excitability. They do this by heading straight for socalled voltage-activated potassium channels on the nerve cell

These potassium channels are opened when the electrical potential across the cell membrane moves to a more positive value. The opening of the channel allows potassium ions to flow out, so that the nerve's electrical excitability is stabilised. The toxin blocks the outflow of

Tiling over the deadly gas cracks

However, Tony Winter, a seeping up into the house, builder in South Wales, says then a permanent and cheap

lost and the nervous system lets rip.
"The result," Professor Dolly says, "is a hyper-excitable, epilepticelectrical activity resulting in increased release of transmitters and a radual raising of the flow of signals, both electrical and chemical.

In some disorders cells may function below par and need a boost, while in others, such as epilepsy, they may be over-excited and need to be damped down. If drugs could be designed to jolly up the underactive cells or quieten down the over-excited ones, some of these conditions might be controllable.

The aim would be to make drugs that mimicked the action of the toxins on synaptic transmission but were much less potent and therefore

"The tiles have a corrugated

underside," he says. "When they are laid and linked to air

bricks on the outer walls of

houses, air is ventilated

through the channels in the

tiles to arrest the build-up of

minimised the toxic side effects.
One of the Imperial team's most important achievements has been the isolating of the potassium channel protein that helps to stabilise the nerve.

Professor Dolly likens the mechanisms to biochemical locks and keys. The protein is the lock. The toxin is a key. Now the scientists must devise a newer and more sophisticated key, the drug.

There is, however, a whole family voltage-activated potassium channels. The hippocampus, a part of the brain associated with memory, has at least two different subtypes. So several different keys may be needed to fit the different forms of this lock. On the other hand, the existence of sub-types may make it possible to create extremely selective drugs.

The scientists now need to establish the links between these subtypes of potassium channel and brain function, or malfunction.

safely out through the air bricks." The tiles are made of polymer concrete, and to be fully sealed, the entire floor is

covered with a PVC coating. Mr Winter is embarking on field trials and plans to go into full-scale tile manufacture next year. He is seeking properties in high-radon areas where Bristol university physicists can test the system.

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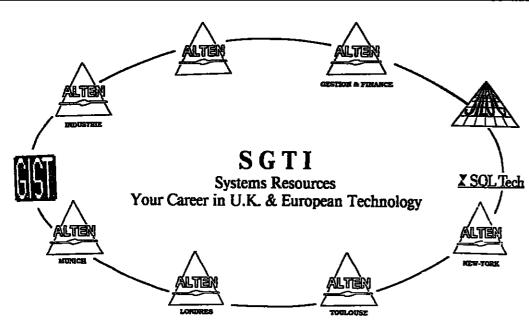
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Faced with dwindling open spaces, mounting environmental concerns and soaring land prices, British engineers are working with construction companies and government departments on plans for developments deep below the

in cities such as Tokyo may be high-definition television descending by super lifts into a cavernous world of office blocks, leisure complexes and vast shopping arcades hundreds and even thousands of feet below the surface.

Natural light, piped in from above by a network of optic fibres or by an array of vast rotating reflecting mirrors on the surface, will allow de-signers to create gardens of soothing plants populated with birds and other animals.

An underground world of offices and shops is planned to ease overcrowding in the great cities, Nick Nuttall reports

underground railways.
Throughout the complex of offices, sports centres, hotels, theatres and shops, visitors and workers will be able to view reassuring images of the In the near future, workers surface displayed on giant,

> In Scandinavia, schemes are being suggested for Helsinki and Stockholm. More modest schemes could be drafted for other European cities, includ-ing London, experts believe.

> Already, a tiny underworld has been taking shape unnoticed in the City of London, where the basements of office blocks are being built to depths of 100 feet.

Phillip Blacker, a British Some commuters may also civil engineer and managing

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go to work on roads which run director of Fugre Hong Kong, into the ground or on deep has completed designs for what could be the first of the subterranean projects to be

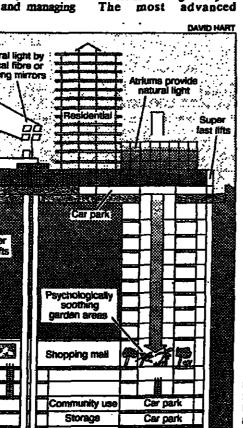
approved. The Cavern Project calls for below, community centres and super stores.

Cars entering the cavern at road level will spiral down into car parks. There will also be access to the interior from the surface via lifts.

Mr Blacker says that to

make such underworlds psychologically attractive to workers and shoppers, excellent fire-fighting systems, lighting techniques and exits must be installed, as well as areas set aside for greenery.

Car park



According to Dr Ray Ster-

r Sterling, whose mainly British-born team are about to publish findings of a study on behalf of the Shimizu Corporation of Japan's Geo Grid scheme, says deep mining operations in countries such as South Africa and India now go as far down as 10,000 to 15,000 ft.

"As Japan develops, it sees three options: the ocean, space or underground. Land now accounts for between 98 and 99 per cent of the costs of a project on the land in Tokyo. So they can afford to pay the construction costs if you go underground," Dr Sterling

The £40 billion Shimizu plan would cover 2,000 square miles below Tokyo, to a depth the equivalent of a ten-storey office block. A rail network with stops every mile would run into commercial developments, and vast atriums, down which daylight would filter, would provide natural

light.
The more futuristic plan, called Alice City, after the Lewis Carroll character, is being proposed by the Taisei Corporation.

Dr Sterling says that any initial fears his staff had about working underground soon aded after a few weeks at his Underground Space Centre, which is sited around 100 feet below Minneapolis. "Most people would prefer

an office with a nice view, but in reality in most big offices on the surface this is now not always available," he says. But the main obstacle to Britain developing its cities underground is the cost of construction versus the rel-

atively lower land prices. A

planned for Tokyo. More than 30 committees, formed from government depart-ments, industry, professional bodies and universities, have been set up to consider how best to develop "inner space".

ling, a British-born graduate of Sheffield university and director of the Underground Space Center at Minnesota univerthe development of a hill on sity, Minneapolis, developing Hong Kong island with flats a subterranean metropolis on the surface and, 120 feet poses few technical difficul-

> YEARS of harsh winters and cool summers could be on the way, according to new rehouse effect".

Two researchers from the United States think that longterm changes in the Sun's brightness will affect the cli-

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Although the Sun's brightness is known to vary slightly over the 11-year sunspot cycle, there are times when this cycle is itself disrupted. In the 17th

Now ice age freezes way, according to new research — a far cry from the global warming predicted on the basis of carbon dioxide Out global warming predicted on the basis of carbon dioxide content of the Earth's atmosphere. Dr Bal-

Flare-up: changing activity in the Sun could lead to a mini-ice age altering predictions of the greenhouse effect

"little ice age". In today's Nature magazine Dr Sallie Baliunas of the

Harvard-Smithsonian Center for Astrophysics, and Dr Robert Jastrow of Dartmouth College in New Hampshire, show that changes like this happen quite often. The Earth century, the sunspot cycle could experience another "lit-virtually disappeared, co- tle ice age" within the next inciding with a sharp drop in two centuries. This is more perature by about a tenth of a

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Such facilities have so far

been limited to specialist use,

for example in video-based

training systems, partly be-

multimedia features.

degree Celsius. This is small compared with the changes of a degree or more that com-puter models predict could be caused by a doubling of the iunas and Dr Jastrow base some politicians in the United their study on 20 years of observations of more than Su

> If the Sun's brightness changes by something more than the one-tenth of I percent that characterises the regular solar cycle, then researchers may have another ingredient for climate prediction.

DAVID LINDLEY (2) Nature Times News Service 1990 lag: ave

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Roll up for a multimedia show

Dersonal computers and terminals that can display only text or simple graphics could soon be obsolete. Multimedia is the curcomputing that manufacturers them — and program devel-are working to produce opers, themselves cautious cheaply enough for the con-about having to produce dif-

sumer market. The use of such machines to handle moving video, not based on a common animation and photographic print-quality pictures plus stereo sound has been constrained by high costs and a lack of standard formats.

Last week, however, eight large manufacturers agreed to produce personal computers specially designed to run multimedia programs, using a common format being developed by Microsoft.

The announcement should be a spur for equipment AT&T, Fujitsu and Olivetti. It incorporate video into a tions. sharp rise could change that __ manufacturers - reluctant to could result in the first mass

Computers that mix video, graphics and text are round the corner

rent buzz word of the develop the new type of market system becoming industry, and describes the machines without a large available next summer for as combination of television and range of software to run on little as £1,500. IBM says it will co-operate with Microsoft in making changes to personal computer

ferent versions of software for multimedia systems that are The sharply falling costs of both the computer memory chips for such systems and the

specially adapted compact disc players, or CD-Rom, frequently used to store the information are also providing a boost. Those companies agreeing

to use the multimedia version of Microsoft's Windows operating system include Tandy.

nounced a new set of cheap and powerful computer chips which it says will enable mutimedia facilities to be added to personal computers for less than £600. "The technology allows

people to manipulate easily pictures, words, music, video and sound on a computer," says Dave House, the president of an Intel division. The technology will be use-

ful in education and training in which video clips, sound and computer text are mixed. Other customers could include estate agents, who would be able to show prospective buyers lists of properties

accompanied by video clips. Manufacturers envisage the systems being useful for trave! agents. Would-be travellers cause of the huge amount of could use a computer to show computer memory required to video examples of destina-

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ope has come to the five million Britons who suffer from atopic eczema, not from white-coated scientists working in a western pharma-centical laboratory, but from the application of centuries-old knowledge of Chinese herbs which has been brought to Britain by a Chinese herbal practitioner working in central London. A letter to the staid and respected journal, The Lancet, from doctors working at the Great Ormond Street, Royal Free, King's College, University College and Middlesex hospitals, describes the results of a study which has analysed the effects of Chinese berbal treatment on patients who had previously had traditional western remedies. The doctors have summarised their preliminary results by saying that the herbal infusions may

ast week at a City dinner it was sad to watch the arrogant self-assurance

ebb away from a pinstriped

banker after he had had to reveal

a weakness by publicly using his

Ventolin inhaler. For some rea-

son there is a stigma attached to

asthma, but neither the banker

nor anyone else should worry

about their self-esteem, for 1.7

million other British people have the same problem. Six per

cent of children and 2 per cent of

adults suffer from asthma. More

than 2,000 people die from it

annually, and the death rate is

rising. Asthma attacks wake 79

per cent of patients at least once

a week and 40 per cent nightly,

and only 6 per cent have uninterrupted sleep. Inevitably

their work and leisure activities

next day are affected. Exercise

tolerance is reduced, and even

the pleasure of drinking wine

Symptoms of asthma can be

controlled in two ways: by

inhaling anti-inflammatory ste-

leader), which prevent the swell-

ing within the bronchial tubes

that leads to spasm in the bronchial muscles in an attack,

and by the use of Beta 2 agonists.

of which Ventolin is the best

known. These inhalers provide

fast first-aid treatment, but only

attack the symptoms and not the

cause. This week a third force

has been mobilised. Glaxo has

introduced a new Beta 2 agonist

for inhalation, Serevent

(salmeterol hydroxynaphtho-

ate), which both relaxes bron-

may have to be sacrificed.

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Ancient art for eczema

provide "an exciting treatment", but advise caution until the findings (expected in July 1991) of a double-blind controlled trial assist a formal verdict.

The dermatologists' optimism stemmed from the observation that the Chinese practitioner was achieving better results than they were by using an infusion made from various dried plants. The exact composition varied as it individually tailored for

Take a deeper breath

time than Ventolin, and inhibits inflammation in the bronchial

tubes. The new preparation does

not replace other drug treat-

ments, but taken as prevention

twice a day it should give 24-

how relief of symptoms. For the

time being, Serevent should be

constant battering. From

the mouth to the rectum it

is assaulted by sharp particles of

food, ranging from small pieces

of bone and the occasional fruit

stone to the rough busks of back-

to-nature cereals. It is subjected

to acid and alkaline foods,

irritant chemicals, digestive juices and hot and cold fluids,

but despite all this, ulcers

(patches of inflammation) are

rare: even when one does occur.

healing is usually rapid. Patients

matory drugs, the large and very

useful group of medicines used

to treat rheumatic diseases, are

an exception to this rule; ul-

non-steroidal anti-ini

Damage in the gut

prescribed only for adults.



each patient. More than a hundred adults and children whom he treated with herbs showed a marked improvement, in 80 to 90 per cent of the cases this improvement was greater than that obtained by relying on standard medicine. In the past some European herbal mixtures have proved to be toxic, but extensive biochemical studies have failed to find any adverse side effects after the use of a standardised Chinese herbal preparation prepared under the guidance of the Chinese

practitioner.

The use of Chinese herbs also compares favourably with acupuncture; Dr Alexander Macdonald. who practises acupuncture as a supplement to traditional medicine in London and Bristol, writes that the symptoms of eczema may be relieved for a time in about 50 per cent of cases, but, apparently, even when there is a response, the inflammation tends to remain unaltered, even though the irritation is eased.

Whatever the specific treatment used to treat eczema. general measures remain the same. The skin should be moistened by the use of emollients; trigger factors, whether they be detergents or the neighbour's cat, must be avoided: skin infections should be treated immediately, and emotional stress avoided. Steroid applications of a suitable strength may be needed to control outbreaks. Anti-histamines provide some, but not much, relief from the irritation. (Patients can obtain information on eczema, including the Chinese herbal studies, from the National Eczema Society, 071-388 4097).

ceration in this group is com-

mon, and the ulcers, once

formed, are slow to heal. It was

thought that the dissolving tablet

eroded the epithelial lining of the

gut, but recent research has

shown that probably the prin-

cipal cause of trouble is that the

tiny injuries to the epithelium

fail to heal as quickly in these patients. Epithelial proliferation

is inhibited by the anti-rheu-

matic pills, which have an effect

on the production of prosta-

glandins, the very property of the

pains can also damage the gut.

A recent report in The Lancet

from the Hammersmith hospital

says research workers have

shown that the inhibiting effect

of the anti-inflammatory drugs

on gastric epithelium prolifera-

tion and repair can be reversed

by taking Cytotec (misoprostol).

The prescription of Cytotec

should always be considered for

patients, particularly the elderly,

if they have to have long-term

anti-rheumatic treatment.

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Disaster and survival: a deeply shocked passenger from the double air crash at Detroit on Monday and (inset) one of the blazing planes

The shocking truths of human survival

president of the Association of Anaesthetists likes to quote the 16th century Ballad of Chevy Chase as an illustration of what the human body can be capable of: "For when his legs were smitten off/He fought upon his stumps."

The image, he says, is not that far-fetched. "You get the most astonishing things happening in the heat of battle. There have been cases of men with really major wounds appearing not to notice

Such phenomena may be the result of the surge of advenalin and similar substances which the body releases in response to pain, fear or excitement, to prepare itself for

flight or fight. "It seems to be a primitive reaction to keep the body going until it can get out of danger," Dr Baskett savs. "The adrenation causes the blood vessels to constrict. The idea is to stop blood loss by turning down the tap. The design flaw is that the taps are turned down everywhere and not

iust in one place." Dr Baskett, a consultant at Frenchay hospital in Bristol, is an expert in hypovolaemic shock, which is brought on by low blood volume, most commonly caused by excessive bleeding from an injury. "The tissues don't get enough blood and, therefore, don't get enough oxygen," he says. "The patient is pale, and has a high

pulse rate and low blood pressure. "The brain is one of the first organs to feel the effect, and you can get strange behaviour which is sometimes mistakenly put down to alcohol. Patients may be aggressive and combative and try to push away anyone who tries to help. They then become confused and progressively drowsy before becoming unconscious. If the blood loss is very beavy this can all happen within minutes, even

seconds." Paramedics now carry blood substitutes which they give intra-venously to "bulk up" the blood sufficiently to enable it to carry some oxygen around the body until a proper transfusion can be arranged.

There seems to be almost as

much mythology as medical knowledge surrounding the subject of physical shock and who

ABOUT five years ago I did a movie called The Sicilian in which

I chose to put on 38lb to play a

godfather. It was a stupid idea

really but it helped me at the time.

It was easy enough getting nd of it,

but the trouble is, once you open

those old valves, they are hungry

Since then I've had a problem

keeping the weight down and I'm

now about a stone overweight — I ve gone down to 14st 9lb from 15st, but I should be 131/2st.

For many years I have had a

hiatus bernia. Nothing serious,

but it's like the understudy to an

ulcer, always ready to go on. I read

a book many years ago called How I Cured My Duodenal Ulcer, it took the author 30 years, with his

own particular diet. Since then

we've stuck to this diet, and I have had no problems with it at all. It

means that you eat well and

sensibly. I can't have anything

fried, and I can't take onions.

for the fat.

tomatoes.

Why can soldiers fight on in the heat of battle even when they are terribly injured .

and why can good news send us into shock?

Liz Gill looks at a mysterious syndrome tims being treated in hospital for survives it. A robust constitution shock, such people are usually given simply comfort, Dr

Marsden says.

In the longer term, however, the problems of shock might be quite

severe. Dr Gary Jackson, a re-

search psychiatrist at the stress

clinic at the Middlesex hospital in

London, says they arise when our

usual coping strategies have been overwhelmed. "You don't have to

be physically injured to suffer

swings, anger and despair, avoid-

ing situations that might bring

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Such consequences include

psychiatric consequences."

and physical fitness would affect one's chances, Dr Baskett says. The issues of willpower or personal courage are more cloudy. "I believe, though, that it is vital to give the injured reassurance, to hold their hands, to tell them help is coming. Being soothing and kind may even affect the production of the body's natural pain relievers," he says.

There are many stories about drink and drugs protecting a sufferer from the worst effects of injury, but such claims are usually unfounded. Dr Baskett says. Being drunk or drugged simply makes you incompetent and therefore more likely to

be injured in the There is the first place."

Emononal shock caused by witnessing a terrible accident or receiving bad news - or even dramatic and unexpected good news, such as a pools win - can make a victim faint. Dr Andrew Marsden, an ac-

cident and emergency consultant at Pinderfield Hospital in Wakefield, West Yorkshire, and the deputy chief medical officer to the St John Ambulance Brigade, says that such an incident can trigger a reaction in the nervous system which, in turn, affects the heart and circulation. In extreme cases

the heart may stop. How best to break bad news is something doctors must consider constantly. Dr Marsden does not like giving tranquillisers to the bereaved or distressed. "You are only delaying the reaction, you are not treating the cause, and suppressing emotion is not helpful. As we learn more about grief we are using sedation less." Although reports of accidents

children are more vulnerable

suggestion that

women, the

elderly and

the railways developed and there were lots of crashes," Dr Jackson says. "in fact, Charles Dickens described in his correspondence how he felt after he had been involved in a train crash. During the first world war people used the

term shell shocked." Now it is termed post-traumatic stress disorder and Dr Jackson has seen it in victums of "personal" disasters, such as car accidents or domestic fires, as well in the survivors of Lockerbie, Clapham and Zeebrugge. "Some of the bereaved relatives in the Lockerbie plane disaster were in a worse state than some survivors," he says. Personality may be important. "The hardy personality may fare better than the worrier, the extrovert who is able to talk

about his or her feelings better

than the introvert, and there is the suggestion that women, the elderly and children are more vulnerable.

"Training may help you cope but, none the less, it is known that rescue workers, for instance, are often overwhelmed and have to be taken care of themselves. Anyone subject to enough stress will develop problems. There is a threshold for all of us."

A classic symptom of shock is dissociation, in which the patient appears to be in a daze. "What the brain is doing is cutting off, keeping the experience down to what you can cope with as a way of holding on to your sanity," Dr Jackson says. "It is rare for it to become chronic. In most cases it

lasts only a short time." Dr Michael Kopelman, a consultant psychiatrist at St Thomas's hospital in London, who has worked with victims of that symptoms often include loss of memory, concentration and interest in life. "Another problem is that people often feel guilty that they have been saved when others

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have died." Patients are usually offered a variety of approaches: counselling. either individually or in groups, behavioural therapies and medi-

cation. There are cases where physical and emotional shock overlap. Dr Gary Bell, the senior lecturer in psychiatry at St Bartholomew's hospital, London, has just started a study of 100 patients who were hurt in road traffic and other accidents, particularly those who suffered head injuries. He believes a buge hidden pool of psychiatric problems remain even when the physical hurt has mended.

Factors he will examine include whether people were conscious throughout their ordeal; the degree of pain; whether they thought they were going to die; whether anyone else was killed; and the subsequent

length of stay in hospital. Not all shock has adverse consequences. Some people find that an accident, with all its reminders of human frailty and vulnerability, gives them a new sense of precaution, a new order of priorities. "There are those," Dr Bell says, "who find it a powerful positive experience and use it to get their life in order."

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and disasters often describe vic-

Life with relish

there's no way I could do it. At home I'm a little kinky on the breakfast front. I have either a bit of feta cheese or gruyère with black olives, a bit of thin toast, and cappuccino coffee. I'm a coffee snob, I only really like good proper coffee Italian

1 DO all the shopping, I love it. My

which is a curse because I love them, but I can take garlic which I wife does the cooking. I have just adore. I can't eat melon; I can eat this minute come back from Camisa in Old Compton Street, We are inclined to stick to where I go pretty well every day. I've bought some sandaniele - a sort of parma ham, but lighter and organic foods. When I go out to dinner I don't say I only eat more delicate. We get our olives organic, but we certainly choose to there, cheese and bread. The bread eat that way because it is healthier you get in this country really is a and tastes so much better. Theoioke. Sadly I don't think the retically I would love to be a English have changed all that vegetarian, but I'm afraid I am



much in their approach to food. The microwave is a sin and an abomination. Having a delicate stomach, all I know is that every time I have eaten food that's been microwaved I have been sick afterwards. I think it is such a vulgar way to approach food.

For lunch we might have a bit of grilled brill - a lovely fish - or salmon or halibut. We don't cook with butter, we use good olive oil and a lot of fresh herbs. For a treat we'll have chanterelles cooked in garlic and oil, they're wonderful. We would have that with little Jersey potatoes, beans, sprouts, broccoli, whatever's going,

I have a weakness for puddings and ice cream - it's something that happens with age. There are a couple of patisseries we go to that

do wonderful apple tarts, but if one is very good one just has fruit. I like and respect food, I think if one likes sex, one likes food, it all goes together, you relish it.

Wine is part of life. I'm very proud of myself for not drinking at lunchtime, but not to have wine with a meal in the evening - I wouldn't be very happy at all. Because of the diet a bottle will last my wife and me a couple of days. I have got one of those static bicycles which I don't really understand, because you don't get anywhere. I am such an energetic person, I'm aiways working at something non-stop, and having an enormous family I'm busy all the time, so I do expend a lot of energy. I think a good exercise is breathing in and out.

Interview by Pamela Nowicka

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After three decades, Emily speaks up

he lives of the stars of Coronation Street are recorded, shelf by shelf, in libraries of newspaper cuttings. Love, rumours, rows, reconciliations and the occasional black eye, they are all there. In among this catalogue of somevhat shabby glamour, Eileen Derbyshire merits only two slim sheets of bland waffle.

For 30 years she has been the most enduringly popular actress in the world's most successful television soap. But since her first appearance on December 26, 1960, she has never given a full-length interview. She avoids personal appearances. In the world of the soaps, she is a Garbo.

Ms Derbyshire plays the girl who liked reciting poems prim Emily Bishop in Coronation Street, which on Sunday celebrates 30 years of blending realism, humour and hokum so adroitly that 23 million people watch it regularly.

Although the more outrageous characters, waspish old wives and barmaids with hearts of gold beneath their D cups grab the attention, it is little Emily, with that heart-breaking look of troubled sincerity, who stands at the heart of the programme. Only William Roache (Ken Barlow)

has been appearing longer. In rust-coloured velour track suit and heavy check jacket, and with her hair in a jacket, and with her hair in a screen she counts herself lucky honey blonde bob, she looks in her husband and son. On very much a part of the smart screen, Emily has seen a good country set in Cheshire where deal more action. She jilted she lives. She goes to some lengths to distance berself married another who was from the character. "I hang the subsequently shot dead, and wig on a hook and leave Emily yet another who turned out to behind," she says. Yet, once she begins to talk, you hear the shire's pale blue eyes grow same gentle reticence that is so wide with something between much a part of Emily Bishop's shock and pride as she says character. Inevitably, after that Emily has had at least three decades, fiction and eight love affairs.

Colin Dunne meets the quiet woman from the heart of Coronation Street

reality overlap. "She is very reserved and so am I. She's also very respectable, and although I hate to admit it, I

out television programme.

week. If they needed her again,

she promised to go back. She

now thinks that if she had

known as a young woman she

was entering a 30-year commitment, she would have

refused. As it worked out, it

fitted neatly with her domestic

life and she has no regrets.

"I've never been ambitious.

Horribly dull, aren't 1?" Off

one man on her wedding day.

be a bigamist. Ms Derby-

is perplexed by the way the viewers make no such distincam, 100. tion. She learnt long ago to Indeed she is. At the age of avoid places where she would 59, she lives with her husband be recognised. "I'm delighted Tom, a retired engineer, in a people enjoy it but sometimes sprawling country cottage. Their son Oliver, aged 24, is a they grab you and try to drag you off to meet their friends. trainee journalist in Liver-It's strange, but they also pool. The couple share a speak to me as though I am passion for the arts: opera, concerts, literature, and holi-Emily - they apologise if they swear and, if they offer me a days in Vienna or Venice. drink, it's always a sweet They do not watch soaps. sherry. From being the sort of little

Sometimes, the confusion can become distressing. When and singing round the piano her screen husband died she ("I must have been a nauseat-ing child") Ms Derbyshire had many moving and painful letters from widows, which became an actress, and she found almost impossible worked in rep and radio to answer. Because people tend to see Emily as a sympabefore being called for a trythetic person, they also write She joined the show for one to her about their troubles and to seek her advice. Ms Derbyshire says that this

shows what a tremendous like to criticise Emily. amount of loneliness there is. when people are driven to over, she hurried off. She will write to strangers. But she is be quite happy to emerge, she forgetting the potent illusion says, in another 30 years.

of television. To them she is no stranger; for three decades she has been a welcome visitor in their homes.

She resists the star label and the life that goes with it. This For all her own efforts to is one of the reasons she separate fact from fiction, she refused to make lucrative personal appearances opening pubs or supermarkets at a minimum of £1,000 a time.

"I was once going through a Welsh mining village in an open Rolls, and they were carrying invalids to the door so they could see me and people were hanging out of windows to wave. That can be very heady stuff, and I think it can be dangerous, 100. I'm glad I have a solid background and my feet firmly on the

Ms Derbyshire is fond of

her on-screen sister. She would quite like her as a neighbour or a colleague but thinks she would find her a little too boring for, say, a holiday companion. doesn't have a very good sense of humour," she says, a little reluctantly, for she does not

With the interview at last



The gentle touch: Eileen Derbyshire says "people speak to me as though I am Emily - they apologise if they swear

Selling fruits of Gardner's life

Jewellery belonging to a film legend and a rich recluse goes under the hammer

cracker

BOND Street, with its Bulgari £40,000, and a sapphire and and Boucheron, has never been a bargain basement for hunters of gewgaws and gim-cracks. Next Monday jewels. When she chose 20th Souheby's will be selling nearly century pieces, she also 350 lots of designer bijouterie, plumped for top designers. much of it by the most famous. The jewels here reflect her names. The interest of the romantic nature. There are jewellery world will be keener love hearts, and a diamond than usual because of the other famous names involved. The jewels to be sold belonged to "the world's most beautiful and Arpels which looks like

animal", as Ava Gardner was once described by the Hollywood publicity machine, and to the mysterious millionairess. Dorothea Allen.

Both women died earlier this year, Miss Allen at the aged of 89. Miss Gardner at 67. Both were unusual women with unusual stories. Miss Allen was a rather plain

woman who destroyed her past, died intestate and brought Christmas early to the Treasury; Miss Gardner was a beautiful Hollywood screen idol, whose life read like a screenplay. Both women loved jewels, especially designer jewels.

Dorothea's Cartier jewels from the Thirties and Forties will be highly sought_after, both because they're Cartier and because they're beautifully made," says Alexandra Rhodes, one of the three "experts in charge". Miss Allen was not afraid of spending money - she used to pop into Cartier as most people do the corner shop, and picked up watches, rings, cufflinks, bangles, bracelets and all manner of knick-knacks. A diamond ring is valued at £60,000, a sapphire and diamond ring at

diamond bracelet at £50,000. Miss Gardner showed a brooch with the word "love (Tiffany's, £1,000). There is an

angel in a cloud by Van Cleef something out of Christmas cracker. Soth-'An angel eby's estimates it £1,000. Ms looking like Rhodes covets something what the catalogue describes out of a as an important emerald and diamond cluster ring by Van Cleef and Arpels", for an estimated £150,000. The es-

timate for the

whole sale is £2 million to £2½ million. "It's difbut extremely rich business ficult to gauge how much the provenance adds to the value," says Tania Hunter, a dealer in designer jewellery of the Twenties and Thirties. "The names do make a dif-

> The contents of Miss Allen's home reached more than double the estimated £250,000; a few bags of Miss Gardner's clothes went for £13,299 last month, with most items fetching three times the estimate.

Prices multiply even faster when jewels are up for grabs. "Buying a dead person's shoes is pretty awful," Ms Hunter "There's more of a motive to buy their jewellery."

NICOLA MURPHY o Sale at Sotheby's, 34-35 New Bond Street. London W1 (071 493 8080) at 10.30am and 2.30pm on December 10. Viewings today, tomorrow, 9am to 4.30pm; Sunday, 10 am to 4pm.



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Green, faintly obscene

iss your butt goodbye, you puny piece of mam-mal droppings! Out of the sewers, out of the can, out of the ooze which made them mutate, the boys are back: Leonardo, Michelangelo, Dona-telio, Raphael. Call them quattrocento painters, and your teeth are two blocks back on Bleecker

We are the Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles and our weapons are our bodies and our minds. This grenade will wipe you clean, duck-fart! Back where we came from, bozos like you know their place. Chitter! Blang! Thwack! Kick that door down. Whew! Fresh air at last. Ya-hoo! This is great. Just like Hill Street. Wrump! Lose that cop, man. Eat laser, scum! Three cars wrecked, people dead. But they started chasing us, we didn't do anything wrong. No stuffed monstrosity is gonna push us around. Halt, punks! Don't move, puke-brains! Do not ambulate! Call off your goons real quick, or you're history! Chitter! Blang! So long, dungballs! Man, these turtle dudes are COOOOOOOOOO 0000000000000L (you're still only being paid for one word -

So here in all their Lincoln Green and smelling strongly of the Sixties, are the most famous. foursome since the Fabs, looking like Michelin men, with bulldog lins, bandanas, eyeless eyes, clo-

Martin Spence on the original comics of those goddamned ninja turtles who are driving us all fast up the wall

ven hooves, swords poised. These are their pre-toy, pre-animation, pre-movie adventures, an original Kevin Eastman and Peter Laird production, with Steve Levigne on mutant spelling and Janice Cohen on turtle-grooming. Who were the turtles named for? The American Sixties nonsters of the same name? They speak Californian like na-

could be so. But, unlike the cuddly good-guys marketed to children, these Japanesque turtles are martial artists who never

once cry "Cowabunga!". Noise, concentration of mind, and surface violence are the essence of these strips. Cold-headed qualities, well-matched to cold-blooded creatures.

"In the universe, change is the only constant," says Splinter, the them. And, like frantically cut Channel 4 youth programmes made by middle-aged men, these strips iumn and iump and iump. But the pace is varied to include fight sequences that somehow

● The Huron Carol, by Father Jean de Brébeuf, illustrated by

Frances Tyrrell (André Deutsch, £6.99). Written in the early 17th

century for the converted Hurons

of Ontario, Father Brébeuf's carol

is given in an English version with

de luxe, Injun-style illustrations.

Catch that Cat, a picture book of

rhymes and puzzles, by Monika Beisner (Faber, £6.99). An al-

together more sophisticated job.

The riddles must be pursued

◆ King Rollo and Santa's Beard,

by David McKee (Andersen, £5.99). Shock, horror; Punk Darl

has cut off Father Christmas's

whiskers, and nobody will get any

through witty verses and pix.

page-stopping single pictures. A lacerating image of a car crashing into the front of a paint shop, halfway between spider's web, scrapart and Fads on a Saturday afternoon. The Triceration Homeworlds, half a warm turd, topped by a seething city with satellite turd-cities dripping with

diarrhoea. The low-life forms

that haunt the

slimy bars of

lies, red centi-

pedes chatting

d'Hoonib: cross-eyed jel-

TEENAGE MUTANT HERO TURTLES Books 1-4 By Kevin Eastman and Peter Laird Penguin, £6.99 each

> up droopy pink rabbits, octopuses slurping gin through straws, and Michael Jackson's monkey moon-walking to a funky beat.

Science fiction meets martial and graphic arts, as the turtles fly through the air, get thrown to the lions like early Christians, and step back and forth in time in scenes which could have come from Rider Haggard. It is never made clear what powers propel them: but who cares, when there are walls to crunch through. termites to terminate, and Cher-

lookalikes called April to resuscitate?
In this Manichean melodrama,

the villains are the Shredder, large, rude and red, felt more in the reactions of his victims than the specifics of his villainy, Mouser, a robot dog who looks like Snoopy, and a not-so-nice-to-know

amoeba with a face in it. The heroes are the racially unspecific turtles, an android called Honeycutt, who looks like ET after shock therapy, and friendly foetuses who spill enthusiastically out of stomachs to save the world. The turtles, like the Musketeers, are all for one and one for all, and are, like all original creations, all things to all men, Impinging on their enemies like Rambo or Conan, they fight like Robin Hood without the subversion, have masks like Spiderman, and fly like Batman.

Every influence is here, from Fu Manchu to Frankenstein, gulped down like fast food and thrown back up as a warm, weltering, magical morass of fertile, feverish,

unflagging imagination. Leonardo is the thinking man's turtle. He reads Dune in front of the telly, has Shakespeare on his shelf, and is finally seen emerging from depression in a hard New England winter. "I know he's hurring." April confides to her diary in a wobbling, unformed hand, "But we all need each other. Life is good and life goes on."

Brian Alderson selects the first eleven from the mob of children's books of all sorts and conditions and formats and pop-ups and sit-downs

There's life in the old dog yet

A DOG'S LIFE

THE story begins when most of the dog's days appear to be over. His wife is dead, his children grown up and gone away. "I've had a long life," he says, "but not all that much experience," so he sells his house and his stamp collection, and the portrait of his granny to a donkey, and sets out to

do Good Works in the wide world. He is a kind-hearted dog, and the good works are well-intended. pig. He helps out a pedagogic bear by doing some He tries to reform a card-sharping by doing some uncertificated teaching. He even tries to be foster father to 30 kittens. But the good

BY WAY of Samos and Tokyo.

semiotics has arrived in the pages

For Mitsumasa Anno shows in the

top two-thirds of each of his page-

openings the actual sequence of the picture fables in the Aesop

book, while in the bottom third he

it out loud.

intentions are not enough. travels are spent fleeing from the police or from maliciously-

minded citizens. Eventually, having saved his friend the bear from feminist politics, he gets out of the wide world, and goes to buy back his house from the donkey. "He's never happy with what he's

authorial sleight-of-hand to make simplicity of the narrative style

work. Anthro-By Christine Nostlinger pomorphised Translated by Anthea Bell Illustrated by Jutta Baner bears, Anderson Press, £6.95 nanny-goats

pigs,

he carries the

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from one fable

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tirely new story.

expect, there

As you might

mingle in a world that also contains common-or-garden pub-keepers, taxi drivers, and policemen. The dog is a dab hand at alltoo-human maintenance work: clearing drains, mending mar-riages. The bear is rumbled by the got," says the dog.
You need to be very adept at wearing woolly bosoms. But the

forestalls all sense of absurdity. We take this jumble of characters. and this almost random sequence of episodes, at a face value inspired by the author's own confidence that it all happened just like this.

Corroboration comes from the translator. "Ich denke, wir gehen in die Heia, liebe Schwester," says the bear, as they try to outwit yet another policeman. "Time for beddy-byes, I think, dear sister," says Anthea Bell - giving here, as everywhere, the right English sound to this home-grown Aus-

> presents. Never mind; King Rollo and his dopey Magician triumph again, despite Wicked Witch Wiloet and her woozy web. • Railway Series Miniatures, by the Rev. W. Awdry (Heinemann, £3.99). Father Christmas (above) is just one of a growing number of successful picture books reissued in shrunken size as curiosities.

> > Where's Spot?, by Eric Hill (Heinemann, £2.99). Best of the bunch of the remaining pygmy editions, incorporating all the cutout flaps that you have to open to find the lost dog. This puppy-size edition is more appropriate than

Christmas books for children

• Father Christmas, by Raymond Briggs (Hamish Hamilton, £3.50). A miniaturised version of Briggs's classic, well suited for putting into someone's blooming stocking.

• What Am I?, very first riddles, by Stephanie Calmenson, illustrated by Karen Gundersheimer (Viking, £7.99). These are very



much at beginner level, with the riddling rhyme on the right-hand page, and the picture-answer over.

This Old Man; a musical counting book, illustrated by Tony Ross (Collins, £7.95). Tony Ross is in top form in his energetic pop-up at the end. A public warning is needed, however. Two thousand repetitions on Christmas Day of the tinkling tune that chimes from inside the cover will lead to a second Slaughter of the Innocents.

 Ring O'Roses; nursery thymes, action rhymes and luliables, illustrated by Priscilla Lamont (Frances Lincoln, £7.95). The rhymes and songs are well enough known, but Priscilla Lamont girds them about with such warm pictures that they come as fresh as when the first nurse chanted them.

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• Alphabeasts, by Dick King-Smith, illustrated by Quentin Blake (Gollancz, £7.95). Dick King-Smith now shows himself to be equally adept at comic verse.

● All Join In. by Quentin Blake (Cape, £6.95). Blake becomes totally frenetic in this picture book of his own. The words of his seven short songlets are rackety enough ("Sorting out the kitchen pans DONG DANG BONG"), but when they are wedded to his illustrations the pandemonium is

Fox San's fables

of a children's picture book. Freddy Fox is to blame. He was snuffling around one day, when he tempts to interfound a mysterious red-covered pret the story object. He took it back to Papa, who told him that it was A Book, and Freddy persuaded him to read But it soon becomes clear that Papa is not much good at reading.

simply by guessing about the pictures. Sometimes, as with "The Fox

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Grapes" he the point of the fable; sometimes, as with "The Fox and the Stork", a natural partiality leads him to a

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has to be a lot of manages to argue himself towards editorial nudging on Mr Anno's part to keep Mr Fox in sync with the real Aesop. Pictures get drawn more with the new narrator in

parts of Freddy's book have apparently been mis-bound in a rather helpful way. Nevertheless, the audacity of the idea justifies the artistic licence, and many of the pictures are so full of incident that one is tempted to try out a few new interpretations for old fables of one's own, in competition with both Anno and Mr Fox. For young readers uninterested

in hermeneutics, a traditional The Best of Aesop's Fables is also newly published (Walker Books, £10.99). The fables are retold in pleasantly cosy tones by Margaret Clark, and are elegantly, if airily, illustrated by Charlotte Voake.

Hey diddle diddle, pix in the middle

career as illustrator some 40 years ago with such mixed commissions as Little Women and The Young Cricketer. Since then she has illustrated HALF-PRICE about 130 books, and can lav claim to the only title worth having: the professional's professional. She has taught illustration; she has designed postage stamps, royal maps, and novelty books; and, above all, she has been a tireless

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battler for the proper recognition of her craft. Now she is closing the studio door for good, and in positively the last appearance

simple and yet most difficult of subjects: the English nursery rhyme. (Well, not entirely English. Perhaps to enhance transatlantic sales the book has acquired an American compiler, and she has included a few transatiantic samples like the woodchuck tongue-twister, and "Higglety Pigglety Pop". She has, however missed the macaronic point about "Yankee Doo-

cult for illustrators simply because of their simplicity. Even at their most remote they do not need explanations. (Who cares what "curds and whey" may be?) Even at their most ridiculous they are selfsufficient. They illustrate themselves. What can an illustrator do but other than reflect this plain surface?

For this reason Faith Jaques adopts a no-nonsense approach to the nonsense. Recognising that printed nursery rhymes began as an 18thcentury phenomenon, she has given the collection an 18thcentury setting. Every page yields a mob-cap or a tail-coat or a pretty piece of Georgian architecture, and her elegant watercolours are, where necwatercolours are, where necessary, placed within elegant
ornamental borders. At times,
as in "A Apple Pie" or "Bow
Wow Says the Dog", you
almost seem to be back in that
Regency world that created
the first nursery-rhyme pic-

I'm not sure that I would agree with Iona Opie's gen-erous puff that comes with the book's publicity leafler: "The nursery rhyme collection that every family should own." Certainly it makes a happy, traditional counterbalance to the hectic vulgarities of Ray-mond Briggs's famous Mother Goose Treasury. Certainly it shows what plain interpretation will do as against the wondrous comic-book non-sense of Wallace Tripp's Rhymes Without Reason. But it does not quite measure up to the great "family collections": the Lavender's Blue of Kath-leen Lines and Harold Jones (however evilly printed by today's technology) or Iona and Peter Opie's own Nursery Rhyme Book, which — good news — is to be reissued later this year.

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Pristine revival for the classic sound of silents

wo performances of Ray-mond Bernard's forgotten silent classic, The Chess Player, with its original orchestral accompaniment, mark the tenth anniversary of the first Thames Silents presentation. None of the 1,300 people who turned up at the Empire Leicester Square that chilly Sunday morning in 1980 have ever forgotten. Nobody knew what to expect. They were warned only that the show would last, with

intervals, for seven hours. The film, Abel Gance's Na-poléon, had not been seen in its original form since its premiere at the Paris Opera in 1927. Few people remembered what it was like to watch a silent film with the accompaniment of a symphony orchestra in a great movie-house.

The experience was electrifying, and the ovations overwhelming. Since then, Napoleon has remained an attraction, playing the Paris Opera and the Roman Coliseum, and making the boxoffice charts in the United States.

More important, though, Napoléon resurrected the silent film experience - or, more precisely, revealed that films were never truly silent. The combination of the giant image and the live orchestra was capable of generating a higher pitch of excitement and emotion than even the most sophisticated electronic means.

Since Napoleon, the "live cinema" revival has spread worldwide, with regular seasons at the Louvre, special film-music festivals, and a new race of musicians dedicated to the art of composing and performing for pictures.

In the first decade of the revival. the general practice has been to create new scores. The "live cinema" revival now begins a new phase, with the restoration of original period scores. Research has brought to light silent film scores by composers as notable and various as Mascagni, Milhaud, Ibert, Satie, Jaubert, Shostakovich, Honneger, Lehár, Robert Stolz and Florent Schmidt.

Henri Rabaud, who composed the score for The Chess Player, was one of the most distinguished musicians to work for silent films. Born in Paris in 1873, he was a classmate of Marcel Proust, and studied both literature and

The theatre drew him more and more. Deeply influenced by Wagner, Verdi, Puccini and Mascagni,

David Robinson

on this weekend's London showings of The Chess Player

he was, from 1908 to 1918, director of the Paris Opéra orchestra. His own best remembered operas are Marouf, le savetier de Caire, from an Arabian Nights story, and L'Appel de la mer, from J.M. Synge's Riders to the Sea. In 1920 he succeeded Gabriel

Fauré as director of the Conservatoire, where he remained until 1941. It was during this time that he composed orchestral accompaniments for two silent films by Raymond Bernard, Le Miracle des Loups and Le Joueur d'Echecs. In both scores the Wagnerian influence is strong, but Rabaud has distinctive qualities in the clarity of structure and orchestration, and his strong sense of

'A higher pitch of excitement and emotion than even the most sophisticated electronic means'

dramatic colour. At the premiere of The Chess Player at the Marivaux Theatre, the audience spontaneously rose to cheer the music for the cavalry charge.

The director of the film, Raymond Bernard (1891-1977), was the son of the well-loved playwright Tristan Bernard. At 22 he acted on stage with Sarah Bernhardt in Jeanne Dore, a corny but effective vehicle written for her by his father. Three years later, after Bernhardt had had a leg am-putated, they resumed their roles in a film version. Despite the difficulties of working with the handicapped diva, Bernard was inspired to take up film direction.

In 1924, Bernard's Le Miracle des Loups inaugurated a whole cra of historical epics, which would include Casanova, Michael Strog-off and Napoléon itself. Both The Chess Player and Le Miracle des Loups were made for a company

originally established with the grandiose aim of celebrating the history of France in 18 epic films.

The Chess Player, however, was a deviation into Russo-Polish a deviation into Russo-rouse history. The story grew out of a legend surrounding a famous 18th-century automaton chess player. Created by a Hungarian, Baron von Kempelen, in 1769, the chess player toured throughout Europe, beating all comers and displaying its skills before the displaying its skills before the crowned heads. Napoleon himself took up the challenge, at Schoenbrunn in 1809; and lost, even though he cheated. The automaton eventually went to America, where it was destroyed

in a fire in the 1850s. The justifiable suspicion that a human being was somehow concealed in the machine gave rise to the myth that von Kempelen used it to hide a fugitive Polish patriot

who had lost his legs in battle. In the film, the Polish hero played by Pierre Blanchar, keeps his legs but ends up in the automaton nonetheless. He is carried to the very heart of the enemy camp when Catharine the Great commands the automaton to the court of St Petersburg.

The shimmering, near pristine print of the film that will be seen at the Dominion shows off the spectacular settings by Jean Perrier, and the rich costumes created by Eugene Lourie (a Russian emigré still living in Hollywood at the age of 85). The photography, including some breath-taking Russian snowscapes was by Joseph-Louis Mundwiller, who had made some of the earliest Russian films.

The restoration has not been achieved without effort. No single complete print existed and this copy has been painstakingly restored, by Kevin Brownlow and David Gill, from prints found in Luxembourg, East Germany and a collection in Holland. The Luxembourg copy made it possible to recreate the original colour tinting.

Disparities in editing between the different prints were finally resolved by comparing timing and tempo in Rabaud's musical score, a process which required weeks of study by Carl Davis, who will conduct the Live Cinema Orchestra at the Dominion.

• The Chess Player is showing at the Dominion, Tottenham Court Road, London W1 (071-580 9562) tomor-



Menace from Dennis

Geoff Brown reviews

The Hot Spot. Texasville, Home Alone, A World Without Pity, Time

of the Gypsies and Mister Frost

ennis Hopper's The Hot Spot (18, Prince Charles) really is hot: at boiling point nearly all the time. On the surface, little happens in the poky Texas town (this is Texas's week at the movies) where drifter Don Johnson secures a job selling used cars. Colleagues while away the bours quenching their thirst or playing cards; gum is religiously chewed; once in a while, citizens watch the fire brigade tackle a blaze.

But this community is clearly winned with Peyton Place (if not Twin Peaks). Behind closed doors, sexual passions crupt like Vesuvius, and past sins cast dark shadows. The newcomer, sensing easy pickings, romances the ladies and stages a bank theft; yet he, too, becomes sucked into the vortex of secrets and deceit.

Dennis Hopper directs with the menacing intensity of a leopard stalking its prey. Ever since David Lynch's Blue Velvet, any Hopper film has had to wrestle with the audience's memory of his astonishing portrayal of Frank Booth: a contender for the Eighties' most foul-mouthed and psychotic film character. The Hot Spot vibrates with so much pent-up passion that one almost expects Booth to barge into view, twinkling malevolently.

Hopper, who remains behind the cameras, builds up the tension step by step, etching in the lazy daily round, letting the strangeness of events reverberate in the mind. He also keeps a tight grip on his players. Don Johnson, beefcake luminary of television's Miami Vice, underplays the drifter's role a mite too earnestly, but the rest of the cast incarnate the town's sirens, cuckolds. soiled innocents and vicious blackmailers with a potent mix of tautness and flamboyance: Virginia Madsen (the voracious wife of Johnson's boss) is positively incendiary. The film draws upon a novel by Charles Williams, Hell Hath No Fury.

"It's not a place . . . it's a state of mind," declare the posters for Texasville (15, Metro, Gate Notting Hill), Peter Bogdanovich's sequel to The Last Picture Show. But how the state of mind has changed. That adaptation of Larry McMurtry's novel offered a poignant tapestry of restless youth in a godforsaken town at the start of the Fifties. This is a brittle, ouy or o crisis, which constantly tumbles into threadbare farce. It is as though Shakespeare had followed Hamlet with Carry on Elsinore.

Experiencing Texasville is like wandering into a film already well underway. The script makes little attempt to explain the past, and the central character (Jeff Bridges as Duane Jackson) is certainly no



help, wandering in a state of bemusement, chewing his words. The film's catalyst is Cybill

Shepherd's character, Jacy, who broke hearts in high school and returns to Texas after bruising years in Europe. Tongues wag about old times with Duane. The Timothy Bottoms character now the mayor – drifts into a mental haze, while the town prepares for the "Old Texasville Centennial". Bogdanovich supplies amusing coverage of Texas life, but the fragmentary, shallow style drains the film of emotional resonance. The Last Picture Show should have remained the last.

In Home Alone (PG, Warner West End) - a huge box-office hit in America — the basic idea is promising enough: the child hero's family rush away for their Christmas vacation in Paris, accidentally leaving him behind to fend off bumbling burglars. Yet writer-producer John Hughes and the director Chris Columbus stomp over their scenario in hob-nailed boots. "Woaahh!" yells little Kevin as he experiences various domestic calamities; "Aaaagh!" scream the burglars (Joe Pesci, Daniel Stern), falling backwards down flights of steps. This is cartoon-style comedy, broad. noisy, hammered into the ground.

Home Alone pulls at the heartstrings just as vigorously Kevin's Christmas is a picture-postcard affair: snow decks the streets prettily, while everyone lives in ample mansions ablaze with consumer goods. Luckily, performances prevent too much sugar piling up: ten-year-old Macaulay Culkin is endearing; Catherine O'Hara, the mum, injects warmth;

while John Candy appears in a cameo designed for the adults in tow. Home Alone is fast-food American family entertainment: made to order, with relish but

The chief drawback to A World Without Pity (15, Renoir) is its title. Yet this debut feature by Eric Rochant, a young French director, dances with life, expertly capturing the bored insouciance of Parisian youth, hoping for re-

'Sexual passions erupt like Vesuvius, and past sins cast dark shadows'

mance but doing little to nurture its flames. Our hero is a disarming layabout (a winning performance from Hippolyte Girardot), who pursues a studious beauty (Mireille Perrier). Events conspire to thwart their relationship, though the omens were never good.

Rochant drives along his little tale with an off-hand clan and lack of pretension doubly welcome in a national cinema that persists in enthroning the chic creations of Luc Besson and Jean-Jacques Beineix. Rochant creates an authentic world, lightly touched with movie magic: you can smell the smoke and black coffee choking Hippolyte's apartment.

Several years ago, Yugoslav director Emir Kusturica charmed his way into art-house cinemas with When Father Went Away on

Business. Time of the Gypsies (15, Camden Plaza, Cheisea Cinema) – a Cannes Film Festival prizewinner last year - will have tougher time finding friends.

There is no doubting the director's poetic sensibility, or his vibrant response to Yugoslav peasant life. But this straggling tale of Perhan, a teenage gypsy con-scripted into an army of thieves, offers uphill viewing attractive set pieces battle with rampaging music, a halting story, and a noisy cast. Sometimes it seems as though every part in the film was being played by Anthony

The film pleases most in its early stages, where Kusturica establishes the hero's family (fiery grandmother, crippled sister, wastrel uncle) and creates a kaleidoscope of gypsy life on the fringe of modern civilisation. But the parrative thread proves too slepder to sustain Kusturica's visual flights, and disruptive jumps sabotage the later scenes of Perhan bunting for his missing sister. The lacunae, no doubt, are filled to abundance in the six-part television series derived from the same material,

in the week of the European Film Awards, a frightful Euro folly: Mister Frest (15, Cannon Haymarket and elsewhere). This Anglo-French venture from a French director, Philip Setbon, maroons notable actors (Jeff Goldblum, Alan Bates, Kathy Baker) in a stateless landscape and a silly story about a mass-murderer who seems to be Satan incarnate. It takes just a minute to see what the film is: rubbish incarnate.

TELEVISION

Statesmen, war and leisure wear

Romantic epic recreated: a scene from Raymond Bernard's 1926 silent film, The Chess Player

A LITTLE slower and chub-there was nothing so good for American parents of serving the surgical strike being fore-ther now, resembling a well-the inside of a man as the marines and from congress-cast by the Pentagon. preserved lizard after a good hmch, the old media megasiar walked slowly down the steps of some palaual home and talked nostalgically of his early days as a lifeguard. So much for Clive James. The Ronald Reagan he was interviewing (Clive James meets Ronald Reagan, BBC 1, Tuesday) proved no less avuncular. Indeed the two of them could well have been auditioning to be Santa Claus in the next Macy's Christmas parade.

Sometimes in a rambling chat a difference would emerge: Clive said he did not much care for horses, whereupon Ronnie twinkled that

outside of a horse Clive at one moment mentioned the little Marcos difficulty Reagan just went on smiling Indeed be was at his most revealing when discussing a curiously patented shirt collar which makes his chest look broader.

Were Reagan still president, we would now possibly be well into reel two of The Desert Rats. But with Bush, life last night's Dispatches (Channel 4) was a powerful statement against going to war in the Gulf, looking at the shaky boundary between the moral

men alike there came considerable unease about a war which is potentially capable of more devastation than anything since Nagasaki, with a thousand dead projected for every day of battle. One parent enquired why his son was being sent out to defend an emir whose own army did

not fight 12 hours. Tony Benn seemed surseems a little more uncertain: prised that we were so concerned about Saddam Hussein's invasion of Kuwait when we had allowed him into Iran and indeed the Turks into Cyprus without a murmur, arguments and the national and several witnesses preinterests at stake. From dicted a long siege rather than

After such weighty issues of war and profit it was almost a relief to find Sean O'Hagan for Without Walls (Channel 4) agonising over nothing worse than what he alleged was the moral collapse of the Rolling Stones. Mick Jagger is now apparently marketing for American television a line in leisure clothing. O'Hagan appears to see the collapse of modern civilisation in this. On last night's evidence, some would say that Jagger appears vastly more smied to the selling of leisure wear than ever he was to singing.

SHERIDAN MORLEY

Pinter's rolling

THE present blitz of Harold Punter revivals - timed to councide with the playwright's 6(ith birthday year - is not confined to the stage On December 16 filming will begin on a television version of his 1971 play Old Times, for BBC 2's series, "Performance Strand". Due to be broadcast in the middle of next year, it involves the starry trio of John Malkovich, Kate Nelligan and Miranda Richardson. If the volatile Malkovich seems an unlikely choice, it should be noted that he has acted Pinter extensively with Chicago's Steppenwolf Theatre Company and directed The Caretaker on Broadway, prior to starring in the recent Hamp-



Malkovich: Pinter player

Going concern SAD news that the only public

venue in London devoted exclusively to Islamic art is about to close. The Zamana Gallery, housed in the basement of the Ismaili Centre opposite the Victoria and Albert Museum, will close after its current show of Contemporary Art from Uzbekistan ends on January 13. Its warmest friends could hardly maintain that the gallery has always been very professionally run. But it has stared some valuable shows and had an impressive line-up of events scheduled for next year. The reasons for the trustees' sudden decision to

BRIEFING

shut the gallery remain ob-scure, but it is known that the centre as a whole never seems to have wanted the gallery, which was a requirement needed to win planning permission for the site in the first

Scottish search AN INTERNATIONAL competition is under way to find an architect to design the Museum for Scotland, a £25 million project which will provide a home for Scotland's

historical treasures. The building will be located in Edin-Museum of Scotland, which tucked away in storage out of public view Selection of the winning

architect will be made by the end of next summer and construction is scheduled to begin in late 1992. The project is being funded by the government, while a further sum needs to be raised from private sector sponsorship for

Last chance . . . HALF-WAY through Claire Luckham's play, Miss Fanny Theatre, Southampton (0703

671771), comes a marvellous has many of those treasures moment when the stage splits open four ways. Fanny's home in Georgia becomes her husband's plantation and slaves emerge from the gaps. Not all episodes in this story of a Victorian actress outraged by slavery generate this sort of excitement, but there are vigorous performances from Brenda Blethyn, Jeremy Sinden and Marcia Warren. The play ends on Saturday.

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THEATRE: What the Butler Saw Hampstead

JOE Orton's last play, produced after his murder in 1967 and famously booed from the gallery, is predictably now hailed by some as a modern classic. Yet still it plays like an unfinished work. In the opening act, where the

bizarre sexual confusions are intricately developed, the comedy is buoyant, the disconcerting wit precise. Once again the scene is set in the Orton world where victory is won by the fluent of tongue. The second act certainly loses

its verve, until the delicious discovery of a brooch unites four members of a long-parted, and now incestuous, family. But what damages the play is the importance Orton placed on an exploding bronze statue of Sir Winston Churchill. A cigar-shaped object, from what

we must take to be a nude statue, was embedded in an unseen (because already cremated) character and its rediscovery brings the action to its Dionysian climax. The Bacchic image is clearly intended because Police Sergeant Match played by Gary Olsen with absolutely the right deadpan approach - descends from above in a cloud of dry ice and a leopardskin dress (though this should be worn off the shoulder for full effect).

The trouble is that Churchill's missing, um, link lacks the, er, thrust to bear the story up to this mythic glory. The play would have become a greater work if Orton had replaced the exploding statue

with something else entirely. Of course, a penultumate draft by this author is streets ahead of



Comedy of confusion: Ben Porter, Gary Olsen, Sheila Gish and Clive Francis in What the Butler Saw

anyone else's completed work when it comes to trading highquality epigrams on sex, society and the pretentions of office. The incest plot springs into being when a troubled psychiatrist (Clive Francis, initially too self-lovingly smiling) attempts to conceal his naked secretary (a lacklustre Camille Coduri). An over-sexed page boy - engagingly played by Ben Porter, especially as a girl -

together with the doctor's nymphomaniac wife (Sheda Gish) and a mad inspector of madhouses provide the impetus for Orton to get the boy disguised as the girl, the girl disguised as the boy, and the doctor accused of being a transvestite bisexual murderer.

Joseph Maher's inspector, though sometimes too roguish, has a nice way of emphasising words at random, like the itali-

Covent Garden

cised bits in the Bible. If John Tillinger's production could persuade the cast to seem a little less pleased with themselves, the evening would be even funnier than it is. His happy family tableau, heads nestling against shoulders at the discovery of general incest, catches the essence of Orton's amoral unreality.

JEREMY KINGSTON

defies easy explanations, partly

THEATRE

The Lion, The Witch and The Wardrobe Lyric, Hammersmith

"THE Chronicles of Namia sponsored by Family Railcard," says the drop curtain, teaching children not a moment too soon that nothing - magic, fun, Christmas treats - comes without a price tag. It is the sort of moral lesson that the greatest children's writers such as E. Nesbit would endorse. But few would have stated it quite so baldiv.

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The first of the Narnian books to be published, though the second in parrative order, The Lion, The Witch and The Wardrobe is playing on stage with its sequel, The Horse and His Bov. It finds a ready audience, primed by the perhaps surprising television success of C.S. Lewis's tales of very English, middle-class children in a sort of junior league sci-fi New Age fantasy of wicked queens and

threatening anthropomorphs.

Any fear that Richard Williams' touring production might be considered unsophisticated by spectators reared on the small screen's technical tricks is quickly dispelled. The lamp-post flown in and out is greeted with excitement that increases with repetition. Furniture mysteriously drawn on and off stage is also marvelled at. Hearteningly, young audiences still find live theatrical magic,

CONCERT :

Australian CO/Hickox

Queen Elizabeth Hall

SEVERAL years ago, after hearing

a certain Australian youth or-

chestra, I felt that aspiring mu-

sicians down under would have to

wake up if they were to become

serious rivals to their European

counterparts. Perhans it was a

premature judgement, for, un-

questionably, the Australian Chamber Orchestra is today a

first-rate ensemble. Playing with-

however modest its resources, as exciting as electronic effects.

On Tuesday afternoon an attentive house was not nonceably depleted by the changes in education funding that had brought disaster to much children's theatre. The four children are played by young adults - extremely well in this unnerving genre, with much less self-consciousness and embarrassing whimsy than the child-adults in Blood Brothers, for example. If memory serves, they have had the prissiness knocked off them since Vanessa Ford Productions first brought them to London a couple of years ago. Indeed, rapscallion Edmund, as played by Kiron Smith, displays the slightly coarse sense of fun of a Gazza, though Darryl Knock's Peter is an updated Bob Cherry. even apologising to his sister when proved wrong in an argument. How different from the home life

of our own dear offspring. Sturdy work comes from Elizabeth Elvin's White Witch, doubling as a grim Scottish housekeeper (some recourse to the Commission for Racial Equality?), and Mark Waghorn as noble Lion. Some slightly lacklustre animals are tempted to ad-lib when audience response is found wanting, and even by thrufty touring standards Simon Ash's sets are a trifle functional. When the characters refer to a tree, there should be one there. Children and critics are very literal minded.

MARTIN HOYLE

concert with readings of the dramatic and wayward Symphony in B minor, Wq 182 No 5, by

C.P.E. Bach, and Biber's pictorial

suite. Battalia, Dynamics, accents

and articulation were uncannily

unanimous - no mean feat in a

work like the Bach symphony -

while Biber's oddities, among the

more extreme of which is the

cacophonous sounding together of

eight unrelated folk tunes, were

also given with accuracy and fire.

the evening for most people, however, were the contributions

of the guitarist John Williams.

The predetermined highlights of

out a conductor, it began its First he played the solo part in his

OPERA The Vanishing Bridegroom

THE Royal Opera House was full and cheering on Tuesday night for the single London performance of Judith Weir's new piece, in the Scottish Opera production imaginatively sponsored by Amerada Hess. Those of us who were at the premiere in Glasgow seven weeks ago will not have been surprised by the work's certainty of aim, nor by its decreasingly ironic homingin on traditional Scottish tales, nor by the salt of bagpipe, fiddle and folk-singing that files in this breezy score. A second hearing, though, from

a cast, chorus and orchestra who bave been living with the work, inevitably reinforced one's appreciation of Wear's precise feeling for texture and shape. Structurally, the opera is a pattern of clear-cut blocks, often in verse-refrain sequences, but there is a wild, jagged energy to much of the detail, a sense of disturbing material at war with the packets into which it is forced, or of foreign tones sounding out in the resonant bell-like harmony. Perhaps this conveys musically an individual's determined independence from social norms: the independence that the beroine, if such she can be called, seems to have won at the work's enigmatic close. But the piece

own transcription of Alessandro Marcello's D minor oboe con-

certo, where the ACO showed a

subtler side of its craft. Peter

Sculthorpe's atmospheric essay,

Nourlangie, for guitar, strings and

percussion - a work inspired by

the eponymous rock decorated

with aborigine art in Kakadu

National Park — contains a larger

range of textures and moods,

energetic. A folk-like melody acts

as stabiliser, but there are also

adventurous sounds, like the fast,

high, scraping violin glissandos

which evoke nothing so much as a

sometimes meditative, sometimes

because it so vividly exists as a world in its own right: a world of formal story-telling and fierce aural magic. All its many colours, from the violent brazen cracks of the last act's climax to the weird dreamy music for strings and percussion in the troll scene, were precisely rendered here under Justin Brown, ably taking over from a sadly indisposed Alan Hacker. The impression made by the

cast was a little less than in Glasgow, but only because the house was too big for the piece. There was certainly enough to revive admiration for Virginia Kerr's decisive declaiming of the Bride's high line in the first act, for Peter Stupp's lovely singing of the Husband's monologue in the second (it is typical of Weir that the most lyrical music should clothe a total misconception) and for Robert Poulton's dark contributions as the work's evil genius. Elizabeth McCormack had hit excellent form as the fighting Daughter of the finale, and the choral music was strongly projected all through.

The work's high qualities are also intensified by Ian Spink's production, which I misjudged first time round: it presents the different relationships and levels of the action with excellent clarity and imagination, and accommodates the supernatural with a graceful wink worthy of the composer.

PAUL GRIFFITHS

flock of screaming, predatory birds. Wildness and civilisation thus collide, though ultimately the piece's effectiveness is compromised by the tendency of the guitar to embroider and by the structure's lack of cogency.

In Haydo's Symphony No 64, a strange work with a harmonically wayward and texturally spare first movement, the conductor Richard Hickox exercised a somewhat restrictive control. A touch of the earlier spontaneity would have done wonders here, though the high horns were thrilling.

STEPHEN PETTITT

NEW RELEASES

THE BIG PICTURE (15) Genial series on Hollywood intowamsking from two assemi of This is Spingi Tep. Christopher Guess and Michael McKean with Kevin Bacon as a young Greater on the make. Carrions. Toppenham Court Road (071-636 6148) Fulhern Road (071-570 2836).

COME SEE THE PARADISE (15): Also Panars commerc drame about the America treatment of the Jepenese after Pearl Helton handsomely mounted though the script spraws and the director needs carring down. Wat Denna Quard. Odeon Heymanies (071-839 7897).

THE COMPORT OF STRANGERS (18): THE COMPORT OF STRANGERS (18). Ruger Events and Nesseria Richardson recording bround vence failing prey to the weinbed Christiacher Welken Lebonous psychological drawns from ten McEwan's novel Written by Herold Protes and director by Paul Schmooer Curzon Maytair (071-499 3737).

OR M (18) Alan Bates are mysterious tycoon who mouses Bertners to commit audide Uneven quirty straightform Claude Chabrol stapped by the personal world of German director Fritz Lang. Cannon Shatteatoury Avenue (071-838)

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THE SHELTERING SKY (18): A chilling novel (by Paul Bowles) firmed with a warmin views sweep by Bernardo Bertoluccu John Maksowath and Dabra Winger oley American tourists in North Almos ciriling into moral corruptor and nightmere. Odeon Letcester Square (071-930 6111). VAMPTRE'S KISS (18): Woman bles
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and psychological degrie with Nacolas Cage,
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Pention Street (071-630 0631).

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AN ANGEL AT MY TABLE (15) Jane pion s excellent film about the New and whiter Janet Frame. Iscan (071-838-8891) Metro (071-437

III ADAM SEDE Strongly ectad and strong version of George Elion's novel, set in a long-versified rural England. Orange Tree 45 Kew Road Richmond (081-940 383) Underground Richmond Mon-Sat. 7 30pm, mat Sat. 2.30pm Running time 3 hrs. Enca December 15.

D AFTER THE FALL: Arthur Miller 27 AT 351 The PACE Valor mass sorting out love guilt and marrage Bewitch performance by Josette Sirnon. National (Lynation) South Barris SE1 (1971-928 2252) Underground/9R Wetadoo. Tongiri-Sat 7 30pm, rest Set, 2 15pm. Running time 2 hrs 55mms.

THE BIRTHDAY PARTY: Shared Expenence a rewel of Pinter's first director finds the comedy but masses the menace. The Piace 17 Duke's Road WC1 (071-387) (021) 0031) Underground/BR Euston Mon-Sat 7 450m Running sime 2tre 30mms Ends

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THE BOYS NEXT DOOR: Tom LI I'RE BUT'S NEXT DOURE Ton Griffin's patennising view of the mentally ill-industed Fine acting with Steve Gutarroary Transter from Hermpalead. Comedy Thearne Parton Street SW1 (071-867 1045) Underground Piccadilly Mon-Thurs Bym. Fri, Sat 8-30pm, meas Fri. Sat, 5-30pm Hursing time 2hrs 10mms. Ends December 29. DI BURNING PATIENCE: Exiled Chileten

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GASPING: John Gordon Sincleir and Jun Carter in Ben Bloon a greenen comedy. Auf Carter in Ben Bloon a greenen comedy. Rather over the top but lots of laughs Thearer Royal Haymaniast SW1 (071-830 9800) Underground Puccasilly Mon-Thurs, apm. Fn. Set. 8 30pm met Set, 5pm. Running time 2ms 30mms.

HIDDEN LAUGHTER: Felicity Kendal, Peter Bartworth in Smon Gray's thought-provoking play about family betrayals. Vaudeville, Strand, WC2 (071-836 9987).

ROYAL BALLET: A varied triple bill introduces baterictare's Strawesty Violin Concerto, se well as a new baller by the Poyal's young choseographer Ashley Page — Boodines Nursyes's staging of Raymonds Act Il lestures Soviel stars Altynei dazzing teads. Royal Opera House, Covent Garden,

LONDON CONTEMPORARY DANCE THEATHE Continuing its involved residency, the group presents programme two with rise transcens programme two with rise transcens of a new work by Jonetten Lunn and Den Wagoner's Turtles all the texts. the Way Down Sedier's Wells Rosebery Avenue, London EC1 (071-278 8916), 7 30pm.

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CINEMA GUIDE ...

Geoff Brown's assessment of films in London and (where indicated with the symbol •) on release across the country.

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☐ MACBETH: Roy Mareden and Polity
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director Matcolm Renson.
Reverside Studios Chap Road W6 (081748 3354) Underground Hemmersmith. MonSat. 7 30pm, mass Wed. 2pm, Sat. 3pm.
Running time. 2hrs 35mms. Ends December 15.

P. MISS JULIE: Powerful subtle performences in Stringberg's drama of social chromag and sexual summing.

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♦ YOUNG GUNS II — BLAZE OF GLORY (12) Emito Entevez s "Billy the Kid" leads the brispieck in another glossy Western aimed at teanagers new to the genre, Not a patch on the older films if achoes. Cannon Panton Street (071-830 0831).

☐ THE REHEARSAL Ign McDiarmid's syesh production (costumes by Jesper Conran) of Anguith's seduction pay. Gennox, Charring Cross Road, WC2 (071-379 6107) Underground Leicester Square. Mon-Set, 7 45pm, mats Tues. 3pm, Set,

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☐ TO: The buetle of Lancashire publifie unevenly caught by Jim Cartwright's role-swapping cast of two.
Young Vic. 66 The Cut. SE1 (071-928 6363) Underground/BR Waterloo, Tues-7 30pm, mat Sat. 3pm Running ame. The 35mins Ends December 22.

■ VASSA ZHELEZNOVA: Peole Dioneous is a superbly grim matriarch in this grouping production of Gorky's charms, of capitalisi greed. Gaze, Pence Albert Pub, 11 Pembridge Read W11 (071-229 (0706) Underground: Norting HB Gate Mon-Sat, 7 30pm. Aurang time 2 ing 20mms. Ends Saturday. LONG RUNNERS: 27 About Person

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JODAY'S EVENTS

PHIVATE LIVES: Rottle Beacher, Joseph Collins and Sark Crowe on Coverro's comedy. Aldwych Aldwych, WC2 (071-835 6404). Underground Covent Garden Mon-Fn, Spin, Sat. 8-30m, mass Wed. 3pm, Set, 5pm. Funning lime 2nrs 15mms.

yesterday the opera star backed by the Royal. Preharmonic Orchestra under Ned and Porter. tival Haff. South Bank, London SE1

LONDON SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA: The rang Lativan conductor Manss Jansons, leads parast Michail Rudy in Ravel's Plano Concert logather with Sibellus's Finlandia, and Streues & En Heldenbean Bartican Half Sie Street, London EC2 (071-638-8891), 7 45pm. THE DRAWINGS OF JASPER JOHNS: The American artist, now aged 60 and regarded as one of the leading exponents of his day, has 125 works on deplay Many feature his disceptionatic treatment of sveryday objects such as flags lightbuffs and beer care, in such media as graphits, oil, charcoal, nik, watercokur and crayon. Hayward Gallery, South Bank Centre, London SEI (071-928 3144), 10am-6pm.

GARY WINOGRAND: Running with the above is an exhibition of the American protographe's work. Winogrand was prepared to photograph almost entything; he managed to capture the buzarre in the treatment of the second of the second of the treatment of the second of the second of the treatment of the second of the second of the treatment of the second of the second of the treatment of the second of the second of the treatment of the second of the second of the treatment of the second of the second of the treatment of the second of the treatment of t most ordinary scanes from everyday American life such as streets, arrooms and zons.

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(b) Acronym for Employee Share Ownership Plan, a scheme under which a trust is set up to buy a portion of a company's equity, which it then distributes to employees of the company: "About 8m Americans work is more than 8,000 companies with an ESOPs In Britain, a lot of people say that ESOPs sound splendid, but no more than a dozen have sproated." VILAYET

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hosts the challenging general knowledge quiz show

ever-popular boy and his dog

Directed by David Butle

5.00 The Oprah Winfrey Show:

romantic encounters (r) 5.50 The Adventures of TinTin: Black Island (r) Animated adventure with the

album Canyon in the Grand Canyon (r) 10.30 Film: Vintage Wine (1935, b/w).

and at 7.35 and 8.35 tun for the kids

6.00 The Art of Landscape. Scothing

6.30 The Channel Four Dally. News magazine with regular bulletins

9.25 Canyon Consort. Documentary

with Early Bird

8.00 The BBL Pcs Garfield (Huw Higginson) and Oumnan (Andrew Paul) try to prosecute a car radio thief.

(Oracle)

8.30 This Week: Back to Basics? CHOICE: A disquieting report from Milton Keynes reveals that children are leaving the town's showpiece comprehensive unable to spell or compose a straightforward letter and with the mathematical ability of 11 year olds. With unemployment at less than 3 per cent, this is no decrived area and the finger is pointed at the school's teaching methods, which are criticised for filling the children with ideas and ignoring the besic skills of spelling, grammar and anthmetic. Struggling with his first job at the local Abbey National, one former pupil says the school never gave him a spelling test. At the town's industrial training centre, potential recruits for industry are having to be taught simple fractions and decimals. The school, which puts the emphasis or classroom games rather than formal teaching, is unrepentant. The head teacher is shown telling perents that a eturn to basics would be damaging

to education (Oracle) 9.00 Capital City. Sirkka (Joanna Kanska) and Yolande (Pia Henderson) take stock of their relationship (Oracle) 10.00 News at Ten with Sandy Gall and Julia Somerville. Weather 10.30 Thames News and weather

Taking stock: Sirkka and Yolanda (9.00pm) 10.40 The City Programme, includes a

report on the retail sector, which is preparing for a very unmerry 11.10 01, includes interviews with Dennis Hopper and Cliff Richard 11.40 Prisoner: Cell Block H

12.30am A Problem Aired. Dr John Cobb talks to viewers with emotional problems 1.00 The Concert. The 4 of Us, recorded at the Town & Country Club 2.00 Film: Bug (1975). Far-fetched horror film in which pyrokinetic rock-like insects emerge from cracks caused by an

earthquake. Starring Bradford Dilkman Directed by Jeannot Szwarc 4.00 The Invisible Man: The Rocket (b/w) (r) 4.30 America's Top Ten (r) 5.00 ITN Morning News with Phil Roman.

BBC 2

8.00 News 8.15 Westminster, Rounding-up

yeslerday's parkamentary events 9.00 Sportz Crazy. More unusual sporting pursuits from Australia (r) 9.40 Film: All Over Town (1937, b/w). Fitfully funny vaudeville comedy starring Ole Olsen and Chic Johnson as hasbeen actors planning to stage a comeback in an old theatre which appears to be jinxed. Directed by James Home, best known for his work with

Laurel and Hardy 10.40 After Hours. The American showbusiness magazine. Includes a profile of the Bee Gees
11.00 The Invisible Man: The Fine Art of

Diplomacy. After a big art theft, Daniel (David McCallum) must find out how he security system was breached 11.50 Film: Stage Door (1937, b/w).
Poignant comedy starring Katharine Hepburn and Ginger Rogers as aspining actresses and unwilling flatmates, both trying to grab their big break and producer Adolphe Menjou. Lucille Ball, Eve Arden and

Ann Miller co-star. Directed by Gregory La Cava 1.20 PC Pinkerton, Cartoon (r) 1.25 Fireman Sam. Cartoon (r) 1.35 Curry on Ice. John Curry, the free-skating champion, offers more advice to

six young hopefuls (r) 2.00 News and weather, followed by The Making of a Continent: Collision Course. The first of three films on the geographical history of North America. Written and narrated by

Barry Paine (r) 3.00 News and weather, followed by Westminster Live. Brian Curtois reports on today's Parliamentary proceedings, including prime minister's question time 3.50 News and

weather. Regional news and weather 4.00 Catchword. Paul Coia hosts the popular word game 4.30 Behind the Headlines. Jeffrey Archer and Paul Boateng discuss whether a new all-European security system is needed. Should the East and West unite to build a military alliance to replace Nato and the Warsaw Pact?

5.00 One in Four. Simon Barnes and Chris Davies present the magazine programme about disability. Includes reports on disabled lesbians and gays

and a flying scholarship scheme (with subtries and sign language) 5.30 Clean State. Jackie Spreckley presents the education magazine. includes a report on Johannesburg's black university students, the boxer Barry McGuigan talking about his education, and the Rev Canon Peter Pilkington, the High Master of

St Paul's School in London, defending 6.00 Film: Road to Utopia (1945, b/w). Bob Hope, Bing Crosby and Dorothy Lamour in sparking form in the fourth of the Road movies. The wisecracking the encounter murderous thugs and talking animals

during their search for an Alaskan goldmine. Directed by Hall Walker 7.25 First Sight: The Shadow of Prejudice. Ian Smith reports on the growing threats and physical attacks against Jewish people, and examines the causes of anti-semitism. Wales: Open Space. Northern Ireland: Birds of a Feather, East: Second Thought. Midlands: The Midlands Report. Leeds, Newcastle and Manchester: Close-Up North. Southempton: Southern Eye. Plymouth: Western Approach.

Bristol: Current Account 7.55 Prisoners of Conscience. Kate
Bush with the first of tonight's cases

about people imprisoned for their 8.00 Della Smith's Christmas. The homely cook conjures up drinks party canapés, roast goose with prunes in armagnac and beaf in port. Her delectable desserts include champagne jelkes and a mouthwatering

te truffle torte. (Ceelax) chocok 8.30 Wildlife Showcase: The Loving Spoonbill. The first of three programmes by film-makers from around the world shows exotic birds such as African spoonbills, sacred ibisis and flamingoes, protecting their

young from flying predators 9.00 Harry Enfield's Television Programme. Hit-end-miss comedy from the man of many personas. The guest is Sir David Steel, MP



A civilised refuge: Malika Shaws (9.30pm) 9.30 40 Minutes: Malika's Hotel.

CHOICE Following a favourite 40
Minutes ploy of finding a quirky angle to world events, Stephen Lambert's film is a profile of Malika Shawa, who owns the only hotel in the Israelii occupied Gaza strip She is a tman, but unlike many of hercompatriots who are forced to live in refugee camps, she comes from a itny family and was educated at Cheltenham Ladies College. Depending for her guests on visiting iournalists, diplomats and other foreign visitors, she offers a civilised refuge from the violence and squalor of a politically charged area. Lambert does his best to present her as a character in her own right but he cannot divorce her from her context and rather against its will the film keeps moving from the personal to the political. Before endless cigarette puffs, valika joins in the condemnation of the Israeli government while saying she has no hatred for the Jews. (Ceefax).

Wales. Wales Playfrouse 10.10 Nicholas Craig – the Naked Actor: Climbing the Mountain. Nigel Planer's tongue in cheek view of the thesoian

process of rehearsal 10.30 Newsnight with Peter Snow

11.15 The Late Show. News and views from the arts and media world 11.55 Weather

profession examines the soul-draining

12.00 Prisoners of Conscience. Kate Bush on the plight of another prisoner 12.05am Behind the Headlines

(r). (Ceetax). Ends at 12.40

6.00 The Crystal Maze. Six contestants test both their mental and physical dextenty, guided by the master of the maze, Richard O'Brien (r) music combined with stunning scenery 6.20 Business Daily. The early-morning edition of the financial programme with

7.00 Channel 4 News 7.50 Comment. A personal comment on a topical subject. Weather 8.00 Eye 2 Eye. Steve Taylor hosts the style and design quiz. This week's guests Magenta de Vine, Molly

Parkin and tailor Tommy Nutter, tackle films and fashion 8.30 Cheers: Coach Returns to Action. Welcome receats from the first series of the American comedy set in a Boston bar Coach (Nicholas Colasa) develops a toolproof technique for

winning over women, which shocks Sam (Ted Danson), an expert in the field (r). (Teletext) 9.00 Film: Hush-a-Bye Baby (1989). CHOICE: A promising first film by the Irish writer-director Margo Harkin, Hush-A-Bye Baby gives a fresh slant to the theme of schoolgirl pregnancy by setting it in the Catholic community of Derry against the background of the abortion debate and the supergrass als. There are times when Harkin's scenario cen seem contrived, as when she precedes the herome's fall from grace with a lecture from the priest about the sanctity of marriage. Some of the symbolism is also a little forced. Such reservations do little to detract from the strengths of the film, its precise and often humourous observation of adolescent culture and its tough yet sympathetic view of a working-class Irish community. Emer McCourt's finely-tuned performance as the pregnant girl who suffers the agonies of fear and isolation, won the est actress award at the Locamo

Film Festival. The rock star Sinead O'Connor plays one of her friends 10.30 A Tribute to Denis Mitchell. CHOICE: When most television documentary is efficiently anonymous, it is good to be reminded of the vement of Denis Mitchell, who brought to the form something of the poetry and personal imprint more readily ciated with film-makers such as Humphrey Jennings. As early as the

em, staming Sam Elliot as a grizzled frontieraman who comes to the aid of a per-seculated family With Tors Conti-7 40 Entertainment Torstell

deres of a 14th-century village hear the first news of the Black Plague 9.40 Projector 1.0 00.1 20 The Month (1998) Chart

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7.40 Entertainment Tonight 8.00-9.30 The Navigator (1988) Resi

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SCREENSPORT

Ends at 6.00 Fifties, when television was still feeling its way, Mitchell was boldly extending the possibilities of the medium with complex juxtapositions of sounds and images. Morning in the Streets, of which, sadly, only a short extract is shown here, is still a illiant evocation of the urban north. As Sir Denis Forman, who worked with him at Granada Television reminds us, Mitchell had a tremendous sense of people and of place. The first is demonstrated in his 1970 film about the then unknown Quentin Crisp and the second in a study of the fortom Cumbrian town of Maryport, made with another of television's small band of



Poetic imprint: Denis Mitchell (10.30pm) 12.05am A Week in Politics - Late Sitting. Lord Hailsham, the former Lord Chancellor, and his son, Foreign Office minister Douglas Hogg, MP, discuss the changing nature of conservatism: there is a report on the possibility of greater powers being given to the European Parkament, plus Labour's health initiative, the opposition debate on the poll tax, and the allegations concerning defence minister Alan Clark, MP, and the export of machine tools to trag Ends 1.40

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String Quartet performs
Haydn (Quartet in C, Op 54
No 2); Beethoven (String
Quartet in B flat, Op 130 with
Grosse Fuge, Op 133 and the
alternative finale)

arzkoof, who celebrates

her 70th birthday this month,

Rudy, piano perform Sibelius (Finlancia); Ravel (Concarto

for piano and orchestra); Strauss (Ein Heldenleben, Op 40); incl 8.20-8.40 The

AU); incl a 20-0-30 fine
Russian Piano School: Bryce
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seemingly endless supply of
virtuosi, with Dmith Alexeev,
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Department of Sociology and
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11.30-1.30em Magnum Fonce (1973):
Cant Essavood returns in the second Dirty Harry Bits, investigating a somes of underworld fillings in San Francisco
1.45-320 Deadly Intentions. Part
Two (1985): Concluding part of the mini-eness about a psychiotic doctor who plots his write's murder
4.00-5.30 Love and Money (1982):
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Sharkey, Omelia Multi and Klaus Kinstei ping Chennel 12.00 Satel 5.00em Close THE MOVIE CHANNEL We the Mercopolo satellite.
2.35pm Now And Forever (1955):
Sans Jamette Scott and Vernon Gray A romentic melodrame in which a lonely schooligin plans an alopement.
4.20 The Woman's Angle (1952 b/w):
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O'Donnell Adapted from Three Cups of Coffee by Ruth Feiner, the lim telle the life of a composer through Rashback.

life of a composer through Rashback 6.00 Living Free (1972) Susan Hampbully Living Press (1972) Sussin Pearsp-shive and high Developed stars in the lame sequal to Born Frae 8,00 Every Time We Say Goodbye (1995) Stars Tom Hanks and Cristina Marshisch Corny second world wer love story which sees Hants as an RAF of-ficer trailing for a beautiful Jewen gri

who can only marry within the faith 10.00 Personal Senness (1987). Stars Julie Walters and Alec McCowen Inspired Payne, this film tells the story of a naive waitress turned prostitute 11.55 Three O'Clock High (1987): ligh school anks in which a student is challenged by the class bully 1.35am Someone To Watch Over Me (1987) Staming Tom Serenger and Minu-Rogers Romantic thrifler in which a cop talts in love with the murder witness 3.30 Closedown

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RADIO 3

6.55am Weather and News Headlines
7.00 Morning Concert: Bach (Passacajia in C minor, BWV 582: Ton Koopman); Coreli (Concerto grosso in C, Op 6 No 10: La Peute Bande under

7.30 News
7.35 Morning Concert (cont):
Geoffrey Bush (Overture,
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mezzo, Graham Johnson,

piano); Britten (Scottish Balled: City of Birmingham Symphony Orchestra under Rattle, Peter Donohoe and Philip Fowke, pianos) 8.30 News 8.35 Composers of the Week: Saint-Seens (Penno Quartet in B flat, Op 41. Frank Glazer, Edna Michell, violin, Philipp Naegele, viola, Hakuro Mori, cello, Piano Concerto No 4 in C mmor, Op 44. Pans

Conservatoire Orchestra under 9.35 Morning Sequence: St Godnic (Samte Nicolas: Heliard Ensemble); Telemann (Concerto in D: Musica Intiqua Koin under Reinhard Goebel, Wilbert Hazelzet, (Misse Sancti Nicolai Academy of Ancient Music under Senon Preston, with the Choir of Chast Church Cathedral Oxford, Judith Nelson, soprano, Shirley Minty, contratio, Rogers Covey Crumo, tenor, David Thomas, bass); Tchakovsky (Suite No 4 in G, Op 61 "Mozartiana": the häharmonia under Järvi): Sweeinck (Ballo del Granduca: Piel Kee, organ); Telemann (Overture, Suite in B flat: Musica Antiqua Koin under Reinhard Goebel):

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9.50 Music in Our Time First of three editions from the 1990 Huddersheld Contemporary Music Festival leaturing the New Music Ensemble of Britten (Saint Nicholas: ECO under Mathew Bost with the Corydon Singers, Anthony Rotte Johnson, tenor, Harry Vilnus, includes music from Lithuanian composers Osvaldes Batakauskas and 2.10pm Beetnoven: The BBC Bronus Kutavicius 11.00 The Music Maker (1) Philiparmonic Orchestra under Yan Pascal Torteller performs 11.30 Composers of line Week: Watton (Violin Concerto, Coronation Te Deum, Partita Symphony No 6 m F, "Pastoral" 1.00 News 1.05 Bristol Lunchtime Concert: Staven Issertis, cello, and Lestie Howard, pano, perform Clazunov (Melodie and tor orchestra 12.30-12.35am News 1.00-3.10 Night School (FM only.

RADIO 4

(s) Stereo on FM 5.55am Shipping Forecast 6.00 News Briefing; Weather 6.10 Farrang Today 6.25 Prayer for the Day (s) 6.30 Today, incl 6.30, 7.00, 7.30, 8.00, 8.30 News 6.55, 7.55, 8.57 Weather Weether 9.00 News 9.05 Punters: an opportunity for listeners to report on life's problems, injustices and quirks

Gneg (Cello Sonata in A minor, Op 35)
2.00 Envy, Heltred and Malicer:
Rodiney Milines explores the sound of harred in opera (f)
2.30 Cotege Concert: The BiBC PO under George Lloyd, with Martin Roscoe, piano, perform Vaughan Williams (Overture, The Wasps): Paul Creston (Symphony No 3): George Lloyd (Piano Concerto No 1, "Scapegoat"); Grieg (Suite, Sigurd Jorsaffar)
4.00 Opus 130 Plus: The Lindsay String Quartet performs 9.45 Southern Voices: sax talks about the Third World. 4: Former Chanaian parliamentary correspondent Cameron Duodu on multi-party democracy in Africa 10.00 News; The Natural History Programme: Andrew Laurie of the World Wide Fund for Nature reports on the continuing light to save the Chinese pands

10.45 An Act of Worship (s) 11.00 News; Citizens (s) 11.25 Conversation Piece: Sue MacGregor talks to Adam Farth, Sixties pop star and successful bus about his life and work 11.50 First Person: series of talks by first-time broadcasters the LSO under George Szelf sangs Ruhe, meine Seele, Op 27 No 1, Das Rosenband, Op 36 No 1; Meinem Kinde, Op 37 No 3; and Morgen, Op 27 No 4 7.45 LSO: Live from the Barbican Hall, London, the LSO under Mariss Jansons, with Mikhail Burkt, mann perform Sihalise 12.00 News; You and Yours 12.25pm Flying the Flag: Alex

Shearer's wry observation of East-West diplomacy, starring Dinsdate Landen (3 of 6) (r) 12.55 Weather 1.00 The World at One presented by James Naughtle 1.40 The Archers 1.55 Shipping Forecasi 2.00 News; Woman's Hour: women

of all ages talk frankly about the temale orgasm, how important it is and what it feels like; Joan Collins talks about her new book, Love and Desire and Hate; and with the Communist Party of Great Britain deciding whether or not to disband, three lite-long women communists discuss their political bekels and relate their expenences going back to the second world war

3.00 (FM only) Prime Minister's Questions from the House of 3.00 (LW only) News; Eating in our Dreams play by Shelegh Stephenson (s) 4.00 News 4.05-4.30 Bookshelf with Nigel Forde
4.30 Kaledoscope: a half-hour
special with Paul Alien going
behind the scenes of the

National Theatre's new

Willows, adapted by Alan Bennett from Kenneth Grahame's original, written in 1908 Interviews with actors Richard Bners, Griff Rhys Hichard Briefs, Griff Hitys
Jones (Toad) and David
Bamber (Mole); also Bernett
himself, designer Jane Gibson
Jeramy Sams, who wrote the
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line of work you could be line of work you could be in" — with the conglomerate nature of the business today Some sharp words from agents and authors as well as outoksners author Susan Hill says it's now "all one big money pot" while Matthaw Evans of Faber and Faber observes that everything is getting really rough, "more like the film business every day". And we get a new word one publishing house taken

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has recently caught the eyes of the Directors of The Macallan Malt Whisky as a possible site for a grove of 'Macallan' oak trees. The tender shoots, when

in Spain's northwest,

they appear, will simply reflect The Macallan's solitary adherence to the principles of exclusive maturation in <u>oaken sherry casks.</u>

(To those who know, no other method produces quite the same rotundities of flavour.) The idea is that, every year

when timber is removed from other, older groves to make casks for the sherry bodegas, new oaklets would be added to The Macallan plantation. thus ensuring continuity and natural recrudescence.

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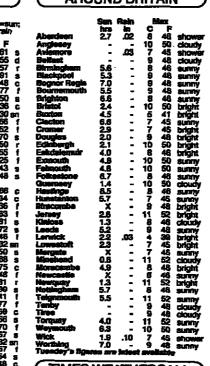
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Political sketch

Trussed turkey sails into stormy waters

the return of General Peron to the streets of Buenos Aires, Michael Heseltine yesterday re-

appeared at the dispatch box.
As Tories waved their order papers, Mr Heseltine sailed straight into the most almighty

storm. It rages still.

Calm before this storm was provided by his Labour shadow, Bryan Gould, introduced by Mr Speaker as "Mr Bryan Davies". Undismayed, he made a workmanlike speech, hampered only by proceeding straight from introduction to peroration without passing through any substance in between. By way of apology, Mr Gould waved a copy of a slim Labour pamphlet, price £1.50, and recommended us to read it.

We have heard much about "rubber chicken" constituency dinners; but Mr Gould peddles an answering line in rubber chicken prose style. Quoting a description of the poll tax as "a bomb which has to be un-picked", he accused the environment secretary of "put-ting party advantage before principle" — but conceded that he had "dared to tell the truth". He was now, Gould said, "the first turkey trussed for Christmas this year". Unaccountably, Nicholas Winterton (C, Macclesfield) raised the end of his own tie to his nostrils and

started sniffing it.

I glanced at Mr Heseltine.
How would a trussed turkey who had dared to tell the truth and was now putting advantage before principle as he unpicked a bomb in time for Christmas, look? Asked about his own policies, Mr Gould declined "to go off on this disastrous byway", and hammered on. "The British public will not be fobbed off," he declared, memorably. *The crisis becomes daily more

"I intend," he concluded, "to put the benches opposite out of their misery . . . "Then sit down!" the benches

opposite cried. In spite of all this, Gould stayed cool, confident and audible. He offered convincing proof that the Conservative party was in a serious mess about the financing of local

government. Then, under hos-tile fire from interrupting Tories, he gave the strongest indication that the Labour party was in a serious mess about the financing of local government, too. Some of us had by now concluded that everyone was in a serious mess about the financing of local government.

And that was what Michael Heseltine as good as admitted,
"It is time," he declaimed, shaking his mane, "to raise the whole tone of this debate!"

"Then sit down!" But Mr Heseltine did not sit down. He went on to make a fine party conference speech, the latest in a long line of splendid rallying calls to the faithful. Except that this was not Brighton, and these were not the

Labour bayed furiously throughout proof that Heseltine worries them mightily, but fatal to his triumphalist rising cadences. His offer of all-party talks was accepted a mite too gratefully by the minority parties, and rejected a mite too ungraciously by the principal opposition. Both may come to regret their chosen corners. But it cannot be said (if

Heseltine had hoped it would) that his gesture swept all before it in statesmanlike magnificence. The House was rather less than stunned and inclined to giggle. In short, Michael Heseltine had a mixed day. As he bellowed out a shopping list of inner city initiatives, called for "an international presence in environmental matters" ("a tour de force of the world," Labour's Brian Wilson muttered) and described (upon what everyone but Mr Wilson would call the horizon) "a new spirit of co-operation", there was about it all a hint of desperation.

John Major watched, quietly. When elected leader, our new prime minister faced two serious threats. One of them was the Labour party, and the other was Michael Heseltine. Mr Major succeeded in pitting the one against the other yesterday afternoon. Both emerged shaken. The PM looked surprisingly

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Buffalo blizzard: Pedestrians huddle against biting winds gusting over 60 mph and blowing snow across Lake Erie to Buffalo in western New York state. While England will be held in the grip of frost and fog at the start of today, some snow is expected in northern Scotland in the evening and forecasters warn of a very cold general outlook Acheson gives warning of threat to women in trend to litigation

By JILL SHERMAN, SOCIAL SERVICES CORRESPONDENT

He recalled a meeting with Mrs Thatcher, with whom he will take afternoon tea today, shortly before she became prime minister. "We talked of the threat of Soviet missiles. She reminded me that while we in the US were con-cerned about the prospect of inter-continental missiles, the Soviets already had in place powerful

anniversary of the Cambridge

missiles aimed at every capital of western Europe. 'We must stand together,' she said to me. Those four words embodied the very basis of the Western alliance, and they were to return to mind many times in the

years that followed." Mrs Thatcher, he said, had served with a resolute sense of mission and purpose; she was "a remarkable lady whose achievements will be appreciated more and more as time goes on. For me. she has been a staunch ally and a good friend. I salute her."

Soviet exodus: Soviet officials yesterday contradicted each other about the likely scale of a Soviet exodus next year (Our Foreign Staff writes).
Vladimir Shemyatenkov, the

Soviet ambassador to the European Community, said in Brussels that millions of his compatriots would head west as soon as the Supreme Soviet passed a law allowing citizens to travel abroad

But in Geneva, Nikolai Smirnov, from the Soviet foreign ministry, said that fears in Western countries that they would be swamped by Russians were

INCREASING litigation against making that stress much worse obstetricians is "poisoning rela-tionships in the delivery room" and not in the best interest of the patient. And in any event, which and threatening the care of preg-nant women, Sir Donald Acheson, young obstetrician will wish to spend his life in court?" the government's chief medical Sir Donald considered options adopted in other parts of the world. A partial no-fault compen-

He called for a change in the 'slow, costly and chancy" system of litigation to ensure speedy and equitable settlements for victims of medical accidents. In a William Power Memorial

officer, said last night.

lecture to the Royal College of Midwives, Sir Donald said that the number of cerebral palsy cases brought against obstetricians each year had grown from 50 in 1983 to 200 in 1989, and was estimated to reach 600 this year. Some of the cases, which had an average settlement of £700,000, were brought 20 years after birth.

He gave a warning that Britain could soon follow the United States, where doctors were practising defensive obstetrics leading to "undesirable practices in the management of women in labour". In some parts of the country, women had serious problems in getting skilled help during childbirth.

Gynaecologists might follow the trend in the US of giving up obstetrics for fear of being sued, he said. "My colleagues in this field tell me how litigation and the fear of it is beginning to poison the interprofessional relationships in the delivery room."

Obstetricians, midwives, paedi atricians and anaesthetists ought to be working in a harmonious and constructive atmosphere as a team, he said. "Stress in such a situation is to some extent inevitable but the fear of litigation is

'White paper' on Europe delayed themselves before being allowed

Continued from page I functions of the Western European Union. The conference will deal with the transfer of additional powers from national governments to Brussels. Britain will try to limit this by obtaining declarations that before passing any legislation the community should national governments. Britain is expected to object to a proposal that European Community nationals should have a right to live in any Community nation. There is already freedom to travel and work, but in some cases people have to show that they can support

sation scheme had been in-

troduced in Virginia, in the US, to

deal with the problem of cerebral

palsy. The system, which was paid

for jointly by the state, profession

and hospitals, provided compen-sation for medical and support

services and, where appropriate,

for loss of earnings. It had the

disadvantage of not allowing litigation where negligence had

occurred, nor did it permit single

lump sum payments.

Lord Griffiths, Lord of Appeal

in Ordinary, had suggested that cases could be determined through

to take up residence. No change is likely in the government's opposition to the European social

The two inter-governmental conferences will consist of weekly or bi-weekly meetings of senior officials in Brussels and regular ministers.

Meanwhile Pierre Bérégovoy, the French finance minister, reiterated France's determination to press ahead at maximum speed towards full economic and monetary union by stating yesterday that the third stage of the move towards EMU could only be achieved by the creation of "an economic government" representing the 12 member states.

 Douglas Hurd, the foreign secretary, yesterday warned Britain's European partners not to start writing conclusions for the intergovernmental conference on poiitical union before it has begun and pledged British opposition to any increase in the powers of EC institutions

Mr Hurd told the Commons foreign affairs select committee that Britain would not "go down the path" of increasing the competence of EC institutions.

THE TIMES CROSSWORD PUZZLE NO 18,470

Smiling through: Reagan with Martin Harris, president of the Cambridge debating society

Reagan fears dangers

of chaos for Gorbachev

Students had been queuing

from 6am vesterday to hear Mr

Reagan and by the time he arrived

five hours later, the queue

stretched for nearly a quarter of a

mile. His arrival was greeted with

banners and a noisy protest accus-ing him of funding 50,000 deaths

However, when he entered the

crowded debating chamber, the

television lights at last picking up

substantial strands of grey in his

hair, he was treated to a prolonged

and enthusiastic standing ovation.

Gorbachev was exceeded only by

his praise for Mrs Thatcher, to

whom he devoted a substantial

eulogy in a 40-minute address

delivered to mark the 175th

Mr Reagan's warmth for Mr

in Guatemala.

RONALD Reagan, the former president of the United States,

told a packed audience of under-

graduates yesterday that, if the

Soviet Union collapsed inward, chaos, civil strife, anarchy and famine would follow with millions

of refugees streaming west into

Mr Reagan also underlined that

such a development would thoroughly confuse the issue of whose

finger was on the trigger of the many nuclear weapons scattered

around that country.

Addressing the Cambridge union, founded immediately after,

but not because of the battle of

Waterloo, the old Cold War

warrior canvassed support for

"It is conceivable that President

Gorbachev will feel the need to

invoke some of his more drastic

powers using the army and the

KGB to impose and maintain

martial law. If he does so, I believe

it would not be from some power-

made impulse, but rather from a

belief that such an action would be

the only way to save his nation from instability," Mr Reagan said.

market economy) does not suc-ceed, the so-called worst case may

"If the peaceful transition (to a

At its most critical moment, the

ledge of how to establish and run

democratic institutions and a free-

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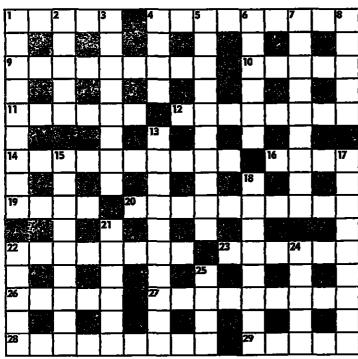
entire world to help that country's

transition, not only from com-

munism, but from an old imperial

structure to a loose confederation

President Gorbachev.



ACROSS

1 Indian V sign? (5). 4 Detailed plan in Conservative 9 I am getting the ringing sound

it's intrusive (9),

10 Spacious, though some say it's stuffy (5). 11 Got the new quarter (6). 12 Grating that goes on top, of

course (8). 14 One who is deep in the letters of Freud and Eliot (10). 16 Firm work with the pen (4). 19 Incline the racket (4).

20 He checks the papers for the popular choices (10).22 Girl with sugar-daddy is pervert

23 Leaves collected here for potting 26 This neckline is the end! (5).

Solution to Puzzle No 18,469 GARIBALDI ALOOF REAAM BRR ANTONYM PROFILE EARMESTLY

27 Merry monarch — one with a musical instrument (9). 28 You may have to run this cast

29 Abandon trench (5).

1 An each-way entry for the pushy 2 Fruit porter admits double-park-

3 Dog. under £25, has hair hanging down at the back (4-4). 4 Senior officer lines up soldier

5 A foreign flag, true, can be unappreciative (10).6 Lover's lost city of old in S. American highland (6). 7 Smooth, rock-hard potters (4). 8 See if something is fitting to hear

13 Shrewd fielder in sticky leg trap (10). 15 "And the end of the fight is a _____ white" (Kipling) (9). 17 Separate passage booked to Paraguay on a chart (4).

18 Combustion would sound the likely outcome of this (8). 21 Thoroughfare made of stone with core of ash, perhaps (6), 22 Fruit in hand, beat it! (5),

24 Made only about one litre (5).

25 Cold, with sore threat (4).

Concise Crossword, page 15

The south-eastern half of WEATHER England will be frosty with patchy fog at first. Most places will have a little sunshine later. Wales and the west and north of England will be dry and fairly cloudy after early patchy fog. Scotland and Northern Ireland will be mostly cloudy and rain will move slowly southeast. There may be some snow in northern Scotland in the evening. Outlook: very cold, snow in places

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Answers on page 22 AA ROADWATCH

WORD-WATCHING A daily safari through the anguage jungle. Which of the ssible definitions is correct?

By Philip Howard

FLAVID a. Very angry b. Yellowish c. With six cusps

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. Chean cotton BADLING

b. Gorse blight

b. Employee share-or c. A rhetorical pause

a. A Turkish province b. <u>A</u> troubador's prize song

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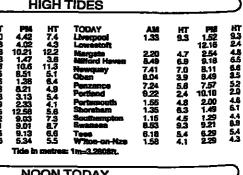
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energy consumers' watchdog.

The Paris-based agency said stocks held by the 24 industrialised members of the THE estimated 6 million overseas' investors' entitle- ing the balance. It appears ment from 20 per cent to 15 people are spreading their operation and Development totalled 473.4 million tonnes at the beginning of November. 10.7 million tonnes more than at the same time last year and the highest since 1981.

Opec production rose by 600,000 barrels per day (bpd) in October to 22.9 million bpd in November, thereby increasing world supplies, excluding the former communist bloc, to 53.8 million bpd.

Demand for crude is forecast to fall by 1.5 per cent during the first three mouths of 1991 and by a total of 3 million barrels a day to 50.6 bpd next spring.

Comment, page 27

Yorkshire Water has lowest cost

YORKSHIRE Water has become the lowest-cost supplier per head of the ten water and the six months to end-September. Pre-tax profits rose 12.5 per cent to £57.4 million and the maiden interim dividend of 5.9p implies a 14.8 per cent

G Thames Water has paid an initial £3.1 million for Metro Rod, a drain cleaning company operating partly through

Tempus, page 27 Dan-Air issue

David James, chairman of Dan-Air, is considering a rights issue to raise money to expand scheduled services. Newman, the parent company, five weeks ago after a troubled advertising group. £30 million cash injection. Boost sought, page 27

1.9225 (-0.0020) German mark 2.8886 (-0.0068) Exchange index 93.6 (same)

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Major indices and major changes Page 29

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for shares in the 12 regional electricity distributors are likely to have their applications heavily scaled back, although they can expect up to 40 per cent profit on the shares they receive.

The latest indications are that only those applying for a few hundred shares in their own area company can be certain of receiving the full number they requested, but unofficial grey market dealings in the shares are indicat- highest oversubscription sining they will start trading at between 132p and 139p.

John Wakeham, the energy secretary, said as the offer closed he was confident the 12 would be oversubscribed. By Monday night more than 3 matched by the size of the million applications had been companies. But float advisers processed, and this is widely stressed this may change when expected to double once the all the applications are late rush is counted.

The offer is structured so ment is clawed back.

That clawback is in two stages. The first, reducing highest premiums, so redress-

per cent and raising the British public's share to 40 per cent,

55 per cent at the expense of British institutions, is regarded as a formality and will be announced today.

The amounts each investor receives and basis of allocations will not be known until Monday. Dealings begin on the stock market on Tuesday. The latest forecast of companies heading for the gles out Seeboard, Eastern, South West and Norweb. Areas receiving the largest

number of applications are Eastern and Southern, reflecting the size of the populations, processed. The "stags" who tradition-

that such a massive retail ally apply late are more likely sewage groups, with a 6.4 per investor demand will mean to go for the industrially cent rise in operating costs in some of the institutions' allot- biased boards like Manweb, Yorkshire and South Wales, which have been tipped for the

investments rather than putting huge sums on just one was triggered yesterday. company. The average investment is still not much above £500 part-paid, or 500 shares.

Prices jumped during the day on the unofficial grey market run by IG Index, the financial bookmaker, as the size of the oversubscription became apparent. The prices have now advanced by 10p since dealings started on impact day, November 21. The lowest, Eastern, is at 132p, while Northern is at 139p.

Comment, page 27



Power full: Energy secretary John Wakeham calls time on late arrivals at Lloyds Bank Cheapside yesterday

Greener inside for stags dreaming of quick bucks

THE nice lady from the Green Party was outside Lloyds Bank, handing out leaflets extolling the money-saving virtues of energy-efficient light bulbs. She did not have many takers, because inside the bank the government was handing out real money (Martin Waller writes).

That at least was the perception of the thousands of people queuing at panies in England and Wales as "the

their applications for energy shares. The doors at Lloyds, off Cheapside, were formally closed by John Wakeham at 10am yesterday, or rather a few minutes after, due to the weight of people trying to enter.

the 12 electricity distribution com- stags' opportunity" and "a quick

two City receiving banks to hand in best privatisation ever". Even before the government's latest venture into doors closed, those advising the float were confident all 12 would be heavily oversubscribed. Those in the queues, which traditionally attract "stags" keen on an immediate killing, were of the same mind as Mr Wakeham and Mr Wakeham hailed the flotation of already counting profits. "A good buck" was the public's perception of

popular capitalism, Spotted in the queue were a highly

rated City electricity analyst, a Conservative MP, a normally leftleaning BBC journalist who at the least had the grace to look sheepish, and the traditional babe-in-arms, who looks set for a healthy christening

Art collection sales boost Saatchi profits

tion of modern art is proving a disposal of the group's Ameri-Mr James took over Davies & much needed source of profits can consultancies, and write at Saatchi & Saatchi, the downs of the value of New

Sales from the group's after tax loss of £98.2 million collection, which is separate (£58.5 million loss). from Mr Saatchi's personal collection, contributed £6.3 million to pre-tax profits in the year to September. The art collection profits were taken as part of exceptional items, to be set against rationalisation costs and property provisions

The £200,000 net debit reduced pre-tax profits to rallying initially, Saatchi £35.6 million, a 63 per cent increase on 1989 when profits were hit by restructuring costs executive, said he was pleased taken above the line. How-

account widened to £2.4 bil-

first nine months, despite an

increase in foreign visitors and

little change in the number of

Central Statistical Office fig-

ures showed that the deficit, which forms part of the "invisibles" element of the

current account data, reflected

a 3 per cent rise to 14 million

in the number of foreigners

The number of British res-

idents travelling abroad was

as in the first nine months of

last year, suggesting that high

interest rates and fears of a

recession had little impact on

Gwynn Hacche, UK econo-

mist at James Capel, said

Britons' undiminished desire

consumers with money to

spend. A split between the

"haves" and "have-nots" had

people going abroad.

visiting Britain.

travel habits.

THE deficit on Britain's travel interest rates, he said, while

lion, from £2.2 billion, in the be a part of lifestyle con-

25.1 million, about the same ever, rose 6 per cent. This

million.

foreign travel was proving to

sumers were reluctant to give

Consumer expenditure fig-

ures show that, while high

street spending has fallen,

consumers are still using more

on "other services", which

Signs of change appear in September's travel data, with

a 3 per cent fall in the numbers

of Britons going abroad on the

year. The numbers of for-

eigners visiting Britain, how-

narrowed the travel account

deficit for the month to £44

include travel.

CHARLES Saatchi's collectever, losses made on the had made since he arrived last October. "I think we have our cash flow problem well in hand. But we still have a weak York property, resulted in an balance sheet," he said.

The biggest weakness is the £212 million Euroconvertible preference issue. Yesterday, there was no news on the As previously announced, the company has paid no interim or final dividend on proposed restructuring of the its ordinary shares or on its domestic preference share issue. Paying the dividend on 1993, threatens to undo all the progress M Louis-Dreyfus has the Euroconvertible cost the company £28.5 million. The S G Warburg and Donaldnext dividend on the Euroson, Lufkin & Jenrette have

issue is due in July. After been appointed to find with a shares closed 3n down at 34n. solution that satisfies Saatchi, its ordinary shareholders and Robert Louis-Dreyfus, chief the Eurobond holders. At the year end, the comwith the progress the company

pany had on-balance sheet £47 million.

items would be the last such costs.Losses on the completed consultancy disposals, and provisions for the two disposals remaining, were £48 million.

Following the restructuring of its American operations, the company had 250,000 sq ft of surplus offices in New York. These have been written down to rock bottom value, M Louis-Dreyfus said. Saatchi is believed to have attempted to include this surplus property in a package that would have resulted in it relocating its London operation to Canary Wharf, the Docklands' development being built by Olympia & York.

Housebuilding data for October showed that a provisional 13,100 dwellings were started, or 2,600 fewer than in the same month last year. to travel abroad showed that Completions were 1,100 lower there are still large numbers of at 16,400. But, in the latest three months, total starts were 8 per cent up on the previous three months and completions cent to £20.3 million.

Eurotunnel registers £530m rights success as investors take up 84%

By GRAHAM SEARJEANT, FINANCIAL EDITOR

cess with its £530 million the remaining 13 million reg- up their rights.

be known until December 14, to the 285p rights issue price. when the take-up of the French issue of bearer shares the total, is added up. Existing Eurotunnel shares,

in recent days, jumped 23p to planned opening in 1993. 368p in response. Until shortly before the issue closed on Monday, there had been fears that it could fail, even though the rights had never traded much below the equivalent of 25p a share.

Warburg Securities, broker

rights issue in Britain, where istered shares from the British Alastair Morton, Eurotunnel's chief executive said

which make up 58 per cent of he was delighted with the result of the issue, which is designed to complete the which have traded below 320p funding of the tunnel to its

Underwriters, who were paid 21/2 per cent, were not called upon to take up any of the 84 million new registered share units sold in Britain. The £7.8 million surplus raised through the placing will be distributed among existing

Fears that the issue could

share units offered were taken through the stock market at few cheques were sent by up by nearly 73,000 investors. 345p (less 0.7p expenses), a investors until the final days The final outcome will not unique 21 per cent premium of the offer and because there was relatively little trading in the rights. Kory Machamara of Mor-

> issue, said it was as yet investors, but that it looked as them. though at least two thirds may have been original investors. If that is true, at least half of investors will have taken up

Underwriters on the French issue, who were paid 24 per bearer share issue.

EUROTUNNEL scored a suc- to the issue, was able to place shareholders who did not take cent commission, stand to of the issue proves to be as 84 per cent of the registered issue with City institutions fail arose because relatively successful, because the issue was made under completely different arrangements in France.

Rights to the French bearer shares were not sold separately as they were in London. gan Grenfell, adviser to the Underwriters will take up any shares not subscribed and any impossible to tell how many of surplus over the equivalent the subscribers were new issue price of 285p will go to

The underwriting was split equally between British and French underwriting synthe original 100,000 British dicates, although, due to the different sizes of the issues. British sub-underwriters will share in any surplus on the

debt of £211 million, but this had since dropped to about UK travel deficit £189 million. The amount payable under earn outs has failen from £119 million to widens to £2.4bn M Louis-Dreyfus said the £76.9 million of extrordinary By COLIN NARBROUGH, ECONOMICS CORRESPONDENT

There was also £22.9 million of property provisions.

During the year, trading profits in Britain almost halved to £7.8 million, while profits from its non-American and non-European overseas businesses fell more than 70 per cent to £2.7 million. In America, trading profits rose 12 per cent to £32.3 million. European profits rose 25 per

Bass gives warning on trading

By OUR CITY STAFF

BASS, Britain's biggest brewer, has given warning of difficult trading conditions in most of its businesses, which include pubs, restaurants, ho-tels and betting shops, in the first two months of its financial year.

pre-tax profits ahead from £465 million to £535 million in the 12 months to end-September. A final dividend of 23.4p makes a total raised from 28.2p to 32.4p.

Despite the warning, Bass shares jumped 27p to 1,022p

Bass is planning up tp 1,000 job losses, among its 100,000 workforce as a result of the Monopolies and Mergers Commission report into the brewing industry, which has required it to sell or lease 2,650 of its 7,400 public houses and other outlets.

Bass has taken a £108 million extraordinary loss into the figures from the expected disposals and restructuring.

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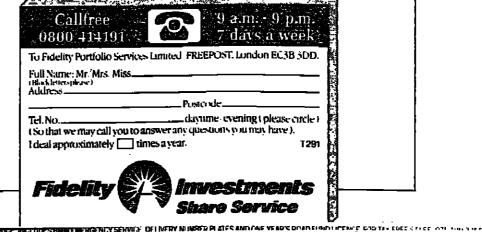
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Back to the future to beat Japan Omega's new range of Louis Brandt future". "We are managing a business

By GILLIAN BOWDITCH

clearly emerged under high 6 per cent ahead.

THERE are few areas of technology in which the Europeans can claim to have stolen a march on the Japanese, but according to the Swiss, watch-making is

Ernst Thomke, executive vice president of SMH Swiss Corporation, which owns Omega watches, takes great delight in introducing his new baby, an £11,300 watch, to the Japanese, until recently the biggest makers of watches in the world. The Swiss have recaptured the wristwatch market and are outselling the

Japanese by 100 per cent. The Japanese got too greedy," says Mr Thomke, with only a hint of irony. Mr Thomke, the man who invented the Swatch, is in London to promote

men's watches, which sell for between £2,000 and £11,300.

The collection, which has taken three years to develop, has been on sale at Watches of Switzerland in Bond Street for a week. Four watches have already been sold.

"You are having a recession, no?" says Mr Thomke. It is not a concept he is familiar with. The watches sold out in two hours in Zurich after the first advertisment appeared in the press. One reason may be that the Louis Brandt watch does not have to be adjusted until February 28, 2100.

With the Louis Brandt collection, Mr. Thomke is taking the Omega brand back to the leading market position it enjoyed in the Fifties. He calls it "back to the

our grandfathers built and our fathers destroyed," says Mr Thomke, who has cut the Omega collection of 4,000 watches to 200. He has high hopes for a timely success

in the British market, hoping to sell between 50 and 100 Louis Brandt watches each year. The English like tradition. Anyone who has a Rolls-Royce can afford a Louis

Brandt watch," says Mr Thomke, who wears one himself on his left wrist. His right wrist boasts a Swatch. But Mr Thomke faces stiff competition. Today, the most expensive watch in the world goes on sale at

Asprey's. The Blancpain costs £400,000 and

only ten are made each year.

IBM to relocate division HQ to Britain

INDUSTRIAL EDITOR

IBM, the world's largest computer company, is to move its Communications Systems (CS) headquarters from America to Britain.

The move, which was welcomed yesterday by Peter Lilley, the trade and industry secretary, is in response to the opening of European markets in 1992, and could have considerable implications for the British telecommunications indus-

try.
The relocation of CS from Somers, New York, to a site near London represents the first move of an IBM division's headquarters from America.

IBM said the move was influenced by the "pioneering" changes in the British telecommunications sector, including the privattelecoms duopoly.

The decision is likely to be seized

by ministers and industrialists as a vote of confidence in British business and industry, at a time when economic surveys are charting a

IBM announced the relocation at a press conference in London, transmitted live by satellite tele-vision to IBM sites around the

The CS division, which is respon-

sible for developing inter-computer networking products and services, is one of IBM's six internal businesses. Others include its personal computer and mainframe businesses. The move reflects IBM's belief that the computer and telecommunications industries are becoming increasingly international, and indicates IBM's commitment to a which Europe is leading and which

IBM is adopting.
John Akers, IBM chairman, said the decision positioned the company "to capitalise on expanding business opportunities in a unified Europe and around the world, and will help us better meet our customers' global networking require-

IBM, which already manufactures in six European countries, including Britain, said Europe's progress and potential had never been more

evident than now. David McKinney, chairman of IBM Europe, emphasised the steps taken in Britain, including "landmark initiatives at the national level, such as the privatisation of British Telecom, and now the host of new recommendations contained in the UK government's paper on the duopoly review".

Tony Cleaver, IBM UK chairman, said that such steps had turned Britain into one of the most advanced telecommunications nations in Europe. "IBM welcomes the promotion of competition in this way, because that intensifying competition is leading and will lead to a further acceleration in the development of the UK and European

telecommunications industries IBM employs about 18,000 people in Britain. The CS move will create only about 120 jobs, 50 of which will be filled by employees

transferring from New York.

Ellen Hancock, an IBM vicepresident and CS division general manager, who will head the new British operation, said that network communications were now the core

The move was good for Europe, good for IBM and good for the company's customers. Mr Lilley said that IBM's first outside America carried extensive implications for British telecom-

He said: "I believe that one of the main reasons IBM decided to relocate to London is the government's policies to liberalise and deregulate telecommunications.

The government is committed to providing a vigorous and innovative telecommunications market in the UK. My recent proposals in the telecommunications duopoly review will, I believe, achieve this. This move, by one of the major international companies, signals that Britain could well become the telecommunications hub of this hemisphere."

He said the move would enable IBM to compete effectively in the European single market, and was a tribute to the industry department's Invest in Britain bureau.

Avon falls to £10.6m for year

By PHILIP PANGALOS AVON Rubber, the tyres-toautomotive components company, has suffered a 14.8 per cent decline in full-year profits after a downturn in defence business and difficult con-

Mr Mitchard added that the current year is likely to be one of considerable uncertainty in the group's principal markets. However, he stressed that the group has entered the current year with lower stock levels

ditions in the European tyre

industry. Pre-tax profits slipped to £10.6 million in the year to September 29, although this was slightly ahead of market expectations. Turnover fell from £228.6 million to £224.8

Earnings per share slumped from 42.6p to 30.8p, although the final dividend is held at 11.5p, making an unchanged

Tony Mitchard, the chief executive, said operating profits from tyres, which account for 25 per cent of turnover, fell from £6.1 million to £4.9 million. Interest costs climbed from £4.68 million to £6.01

Avon's industrial polymers division, which does about 25 per cent of its business in the defence sector, saw profits fail from £10.2 million to £7.9

BUSINESS ROUNDUP Joint liquidators give Drexel creditors hope

MOST creditors of the British subsidiaries of Drexel Burnham Lambert, the failed American investment bank should be paid in full, the joint liquidators said, but it could take up to ten years. So far, £200 million of assets has been

Initial payments have been made from DBL Limited, the commodity company, and a 25p per £1 payment should soon be made from DBL Holdings, the UK holding company. Full payment depends on a lawsuit and payments from Drexel companies in America. Creditors of DBL Securities, the Eurobond trader, and DBL Trading, the foreign exchange and bullion subsidiary, should be paid in full.

Pru-Bache

PROCORDIA, the Swedish food and drugs group, has hired Prudential-Bache, the American investment bank, to seek cooperation partners and a new ownership structure for its hotel and restaurant businesses. Procordia said its Sara Hotels and Procordia Restaurants had an annual turnover of about Kr2.15 billion (£197.6 million).

Stirling buys for Procordia Fiona Rose

STIRLING Group, the maker of women's clothes that supplies Marks and Spencer. has acquired Fiona Rose, the designer of women's nightwear, for £1.95 million, Fiona Rose made pre-tax profits of £340,000 in the year to end-March, on sales of £4.5 million. The vendors are warranting pre-tax profits of at least £410,000 for the year to end-March 1991.

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Foseco payout possible

FOSECO, the speciality chemicals group contesting a £259 million bid from Burmah Castrol, has confirmed that the payment of a special dividend is "one of a number of ssibilities under consideration" as part of its defence. A further announcement will be made before December 14.

The cash offer of 300p a share, which is final in the absence of a rival bid, closes on December 21. Foseco shares were unchanged at 296p, and Burmah Castrol acquired another 1.1 million shares, taking the company's shareholding to 22 per cent. Acceptances have been received for a further 1 per cent. Shares in Burmah Castrol rose 8p to 485p.

US retailer goes east

F W Woolworth, the American retailer, is to reopen a store in east Germany nationalised 40 years ago by the communists. The shop, to be reopened on Thursday in Halle, in central Germany, was opened by Woolworth in 1933 but pationalised in 1950. The store, Woolworth's first in the new eastern Germany,

Europe but still managed an 18 per cent rise in revenue from North America.

KPMG rises

KPMG, the international

accountant that includes

Peat Marwick McLintock in

Britain, has bucked the trend

among big international

firms by achieving a 25 per

cent rise in worldwide rev-

enue to \$5.4 billion for the

year to the end of Septem-

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to \$5.4bn

Standard Life falls 8% STANDARD Life, the largest British mutual life assurance company, reported worldwide new premiums of £1.723 million for the year to November 15. Last year's £1.787 million included a single premium transfer of £400 million, and the pensions business was boosted by the deadline for opting out of the state earnings-related pension scheme. This year's figures included the first full year of the Halifax Building Society as a tied agent of Standard Life. Total premium business in the UK was £1,214 million, a drop of 8 per cent, split between annual premium new business at £304 million and single premium business at £910 million.

Lamont urged to spur investment

By PHILIP BASSETT, INDUSTRIAL EDITOR

THE government should encourage companies and in- budget actions are therefore dividuals to invest in indus- aimed at reducing the tax trial growth, the Engineering Employers' Federation says in do invest, individuals who its budget submission to Nor- pay for their own training and man Lamont, the Chancelior.

The federation says economic growth will be critically dependent on increased investment in equipment, research and development and training, especially in the manufacturing sector.

In a letter to Mr Lamont, the federation says that while the Eighties saw a "vast increase" in the quality of manufacturing, it also saw a reduction in its size. Peter Brighton, federation director general, believes that "in consequence, the manufacturing sector is too small to be able to rectify the national trade deficit and support further growth of the UK economy".

The federation says its proposals are not calls for subsidies, but rather represent reductions of existing distortions of the tax system. It says that, because companies in the current economic climate will need to make economies to preserve their cash flows. including delaying or abandoning investment, it is important to keep cash-flow drain into taxation to a

The federation's proposed burden on companies which

include: An immediate improvement from 25 to at least 40 per cent per year in the depreciation allowance for plant and

☐ Tax relief on individuals training expenses, including ☐ An annual tax-free al

Geevor seeks to raise £2m in placing GEEVOR, the mining group

olans to raise about £2.1 million, net of expenses, with a placing and open offer at 25p per share on the basis of 13 new shares for every 33 existing ordinary shares.

The proceeds will be used to buy Pinnacle Creek, an American coal recovery and reprocessing operation, to develop Geevor's Mainband Colliery in Cumbria and provide working capital. Geevor is buying Pinnacle Creek for about \$2.76 million in cash, shares and the assumption of certain debts.

Over the ten year life of the operation. Pinnacle Creek, is expected to generate a net pretax cash flow,

Cape aiming to resist recession

By OUR CITY STAFF

CAPE, the fire protection and company from recession. building products group, saw its shares rise 13p to 181p vesterday after revealing pretax profits of £10 million (£8.4 million) for the six months to end-September.

Earnings were held to a 0.3p rise to 14p a share. Prior year tax losses from the mid-Eighties have largely been used up and the tax charge rose from 15 per cent to 26 per cent. However, the half-year dividend will rise from 2.5p to 3p. Cape is 67.1 per cent owned by Charter Consolidated, the industrial holding group, which has the South African-linked Minorco as a

majority shareholder. High UK interest rates will. says Cape, continue to depress the main markets. It believes its net cash and overseas

Cape says that building and architectural products suffered from difficult UK trading. The division still increased sales from £33.4 million to £39.9 million and profits from £6.3 million to £6.4 million.

In the industrial services division, profits rose from £2.4 million to £2.7 million on sales up from £45.6 million to £55 million. The increasingly competitive scaffolding and contracting services markets held profit margins back.

Cape says that the acquisition of the French Société Cape Contracts is already contributing to improved results. Cape East, the Middle East subsidiary, has suffered from the Gulf instability. Interest receivable rose to

New IoD chief named



SIR Dermot de Trafford (left), former chief of Low & Bonar the packaging group, has been appointed the new chairman of the Institute of Directors. He replaces Sir Adam Thomson, the erstwhile head of British Caledonian Airways, who becomes vice-president. Sir Dermot, aged 65, who has been a member of the institute for 35 years, served on its company affairs committee from 1981 and has been an IoD council member for the past three years.

Property market remains 'stagnant'

House price inflation up

By LINDSAY COOK, MONEY EDITOR

year-on-year increase was the first recorded since February by the Halifax Building Society. In October, prices had fallen 0.4 per cent compared with a year earlier.

group planning and research annual inflation rate has not at the Halifax, said that although the society expected house prices to end-1990 slightly above last December's figure, the housing market was not yet recovering.

"It is a stagnant, flat market with volumes slightly down on last year, which was a very bad year," he said.

The society, the largest mortgage lender, has noted a limited pick-up in the market since the morigage rate reduction at the beginning of last month. "Prices have been slightly stronger than expected, but there will be no and were only 0.2 per cent they start coming down."

THE annual rate of house real recovery until there is higher than the previous price inflation rose slightly in another reduction in interest November. The 0.2 per cent rates. This could encourage the market in time for the

spring," Mr Marsh added.
Although prices have fallen 20 per cent and more in some areas of the Southeast and East Anglia since the neak in But Gary Marsh, the head of autumn 1988, the national fallen by more than 2 per cent. This is because property prices have remained buoyant, while they have fallen in the areas that experienced the largest increases between 1986 and

> House prices fell 0.1 per cent during November but this was less than the fall last. November and was down substantially on the 0.8 per cent drop between September for so long now that it will take and October.

Over the year, new house purchases have fallen 2 per cent. In the year to September the fall was 3.5 per cent. The average house price is now £67,323. New properties averaged £77,844 and first-time buyers paid £47,200.

The Halifax had predicted, until recently, that house prices would end the year in deficit. The Household Mortgage Corporation has also revised its house price forecasts and now estimates that the average house price in Britain will be £108,950 by 1995, rather than the £119,000 it forecast this summer.

Duncan Young, the managing director, said: "Being realistic, rates have been high a bit longer than we thought The prices paid by first-time for the economy and the buyers slowed in November housing market to react when

expansion can cushion the £1.3 million (£1 million). **COMPANIES IN BRIEF**

SAGE GROUP (Fin) Pre-tax: £4.73m (£2.91m) EPS: 19.2p (12.6p) Div: 4.65p, mkg 7p JLI GROUP (Int) Pre-tax: £957,000 EPS: 3.4p (3.1p) Div: 1.43p (1.3p) ROWLINSON SECS (Int) Pre-tax: £966,000 (£1.2m) Div: 0.24p (0.24p)

ALLEN (Int) Pre-tax: £2.56m (£2.38m) EPS: 7.7p (7.7p) Div: 1.6p (1.6p) DRUMMOND GROUP (Int) Pre-tax: Loss £550,000 LPS: 9.27p (EPS: 2.44p) Div: 0.5p (1p)

TAMS (JOHN) (Int) Pre-tax: £1.17m EPS: 3.6p (2.88p) Div: 1.59p (1.38p) CASKET (Int) Pre-tax: \$27,000 LPS: 0.08p (3.44p) Div: Nii

NORTHERN INVESTORS Pre-tax: £179,000 EPS: 3.6p (4.3p) Div: 3p (nil) PODDINGTON (Fin) Pre-tax: Loss £768,000 LPS: 4.8p

Operating margins increased to 30.5 per cent (29.4 per cent). Dividend 20 per cent up on notional figure. Last time's profit was £881,000. Turnover advanced to £45.3m (£37.6m). Interest costs jumped to 2964,000 (£477,000). Company's rent roll has increased due to recent lettings and rent reviews. Gross rental income rose

Turnover grew to £13.4m (£9.3m).

to £1.16m (£940,000). Turnover climbed to £35.3m (£34m). Board is confident that the company will produce record results for the full year.

Last time company made a pre-tax profit of £608,000. Exceptional loss of £660,000 this year. Group said gearing is below 20 per cent. Last time's profit was £873,000. All group operations have good order books, with total orders currently at £3.5m.

Pre-tax loss of £1.89m last time. Turnover, at £39.4m (£51.8m), was affected by disposals. Group hopes to pay a final dividend. Interim results, Last time's pre-tex surplus was £107,000. Net asset value a share 243p (267.8p). Total income £378,000 (£294,000). The loss is for 1989. Operating loss was £269,000. Exceptional write-off of £499,000 for



British Coal 'on course for £100m' BRITISH Coal is on course to privatisation. British Coal has

make pre-tax profits of £100 made an operating profit of million in the year to end£150 million during the first
March, its best result for 13 eight months of the current years, according to Lord year, and Lord Haslam ex-Haslam, the chairman. He believed the corporation million during the winter

"will be a very saleable proposition", if the government highest. Interest payments are carries out its intention to expected to swallow £150 denationalise it. Cecil Parkin- million of the operating profit. son, when energy secretary, pledged to sell British Coal in what he dubbed "the ultimate privatisation". Lord Haslam, who retires at the end of the month, made

term" report. His successor has yet to be named. The energy department was "cutting things rather fine," he "stuck in a time warp." The sharp improvement in the fortunes of British Coal has been achieved through a combination of debt reduction

and cost cutting. The Coal

Industry Act 1990 enabled the

with write-offs of £6.7 billion. electricity generating com- market might lead to new panies, in the run-up to their opportunities for British Coal.

pects it to make another £100 months, when demand is However, Lord Haslam

said: "What began as a social service has become a fully fledged commercial operation." Thanks to a fundamental change in the his forecast in an "end of attitude of the miners, industrial action was now rare. The leadership of the National Union of Mineworkers was

In a review of the future of coal, Lord Haslam suggested that other fuels would be hardpressed to replace its importance in base-load power generation. He gave warning that large-scale imports of government to restructure coal, contemplated by the British Coal's balance sheet, generating companies, would generating companies, would leave them vulnerable to pol-The advance comes in spite itical upheavals abroad and of a squeeze on prices imposed currency fluctuations. He by the three-year contract with added that pressures for a its largest customers, the barrier-free European power

Power hire lifts Salvesen



Profit generator: Chris Masters, Salvesen's chief executive, at Aggreko's Scottish plant diversified food distribution 8.66p a share and the interim and industrial services group, dividend 10 per cent to 2,75p.

CHRISTIAN Salvesen, the Earnings rose 11.2 per cent to hire business with substantial

interests in America, which

helped the specialist hire di-vision lift trading profits to lifted pre-tax profits 10.4 per cent to 536 million in the six due to another strong performance by Aggreko, the power Tempus, page 27 from 58.6 to 55.7 per cent.

people's personal savings. The measures suggested

fees, travel and books.

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the four big utilities have now all gone and so the British public is never again likely to be treated to the great share giveaway. Thank goodness for that I would be willing to wager hard-earned salary that a substantial number of those who subscribed for shares in the electricity self-off knew little of what they were buying. They did not know, nor care, whether their money was for power stations or

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high street showrooms. Electricity has been marketed in such a way as to blur reality. It has been sold to the public not on the basis of what it is, nor even what it may become. Instead, the marketing campaign began with scenes from family life emphasising that electricity was "a good thing" and degenerated into a sales campaign based on some half-remembered American comedy series. The campaign, in terms of its relationship to what was actually being sold, was worse than the "Sid" campaign,

of people have parted with billions of pounds. They had, of course, no reason What did it matter whether they were buying Sizewell B or Sidcup High Street, when all that was at stake was how much they were going to make?

When the City leaned on the Department of Energy to set the price low, the leadership of the country was in turmoil and the Gulf confrontation was every bit as serious as now. All the potential downside was written into the price and the market was free to ride the upside.

Frank might be uneducated in the finer points of the power industry, but he is not so silly as to miss the certainty of a quick profit. He is vindicated in a grey market premium approaching 40p a share.

The sale of electricity in that way does little, however, for wider share ownership and but nevertheless, many millions nothing at all for deeper share ownership, which is more important. There will be more shareholders than there were, but to know what was really on offer. there will also be more share-

COMMENT

Selling power to the people

DAVID BREWERTON

holders owning shares in just one or two companies. The quick, electrically-

generated profits imply that investment is a short-term business rather than a long-term relationship. Even in terms of politics, ownership spread as thinly is unlikely to change the voting habits of a generation.

Genuine progress towards a share-owning democracy, if that is a political ambition of the government, will not be helped by cheap share sales supported by meaningless (but admittedly catchy and effective) advertising.

Companies need to build relationships with their shareholders and it does neither the companies themselves, nor the status of the City, much credit

when their shares are given the status of gambling chips.

To the point Tuch more responsible, but

none the less highly LVI effective, was the campaign to market the rights issue in Eurotunnel. Investment in Eurotunnel is much more risky and potentially more exciting that ownership of a few hundred shares in the local electricity board.

The campaign concentrated on the physical progress being made by the borers beneath the waves, rather than jingles and special effects. Nobody can blame the company for the lucky coincidence of the final breakthough of the service tunnel coming in the middle of the rights issue. It was planned that way. Neither should we be too unhappy that the London Business School came up with some highly encouraging forecasts. At least Eurotunnel stuck to the point and, for that reason, its shareholders are more likely to stick to it.

Easier oil

Since the outbreak of the Gulf troubles, the International Energy Agency has attempted to calm market fears by stressing that the West's thirst for oil could be satisfied by Opec nations, even after the loss of 4.5 million barrels of crude a day

from Iraq and Kuwait. In the days immediately after the invasion of Kuwait, this reassurance had little impact in a turbulent market. After all, the shortage of oil is remote.

IEA was established in the dark days of the first oil crisis of 1973 to counter the influence of Opec and its aim is to maintain

stability in oil prices.

But even oil price bulls who were initially cynical about the IEA's soothing words are beginning to concede that the West is singularly well-placed to minimise the impact of a protracted economic embargo against Iraq and Kuwait and even the outbreak of war.

In its latest monthly report, the IEA estimates that oil stocks held by OECD countries have risen to a tne-year high of 477 million tonnes, equivalent to 98 days' of forward consumption, five days more than in November, 1989.

Meanwhile, oil production by Opec reached 22.9 million barrels per day in November, making good all of the lost production from Iraq and Kuwait. OECD demand for oil is forecast to fall by 3 million barrels a day to 50.6 next spring, with the balance being satisfied by non-Opec producers including Britain and the United States. Thus the prospect of a physical

THERE are few signs out on the streets, as the Christmas season draws close, that people are drinking less, so it is presumably the returns from the restaurant and hotels businesses of Bass that occasion the caution accompanying the group's annual pint of good cheer,

The figures to end-September were at the top end of analysts' expectations, with pre-tax profits up from £465 million to £535 million, and the City was further encouraged by a bigger than forecast fall in borrowings, sending

gearing back to 47 per cent. But eyebrows were raised at an £85 million extraordinary profit from the sale of the Crest hotel chain set against £108 million costs from the monopolies and mergers commission-prompted reorganis-

This last figure was well ahead of forecasts, suggesting Bass will need a serious clearout of its administrative echelons as it hives off the necessary 2,650 public houses required by the commission.

Bass has promised that profits from sales of public houses will be taken below the line. Normal run-of-the-mill property profits are likely to fall this year, and the warning from Ian Prosser, the chairman, has been taken as an indication that the 15 per cent pre-tax profits rise last year will not be repeated.

Forecasts are therefore for about £575 million this time. This puts the shares, up 27p to 1.022p vesterday, on a rating of less than 9, while they yield

Mr Prosser's warning notwithstanding, the brewing sector can be expected to ride out well the tough times ahead. Bass itself, with a widely diversified range of businesses and borrowings in America as protection against currency swings, should survive better than most. A firm hold at least, the shares should be bought on any weakness.

Yorkshire Water

THE management of Yorkshire Water has inspired confidence from the start and shows no sign of faitering. The

A head of caution on full Bass measure



Sounding a caution on profits: Ian Prosser of Bass

to the successful control of operating costs, which rose by only 6.4 per cent, a particularly good performance in the transitional year.

That performance was partly due to a tight four-year electricity contract and savings on the uniform business rate as well as general efficiencies, more of which will come next year from the managefirst-half pre-tax profit of next year from the manage-£57.4 million, up 12.5 per cent ment restructuring. Yorkshire on the pro forma for last year, seems to have prepared for its

was slightly ahead of budget. extra investment and service This was almost entirely due programme earlier than some.

Turnover rose by only 8.8 per cent, despite price rises of 10.7 per cent, reflecting a fall in metered consumption due to the drought and lower demand from the textile and other local industries, as well as one-off factors. But operat-

> Pre-tax profits for the full year should be about £110 million for earnings of about no nee 50p per share. The 14.8 per higher.

cent implied rise in the 5.9p interim dividend will not have disappointed, and points to a similar rise to about 17.7p for the full year, putting the shares, which rose 2p to 264p, on a fully paid 7.1 per cent

That is marginally lower than the sector average, which still leaves this quality company relatively attractive and a good long-term holding. But the sector has had a good run and institutions may now turn

Salvesen

BETTER than expected interim results from Christian Salvesen sent the company's shares 5p higher to 164p, which was probably more than they deserved.

In current market conditions, a 10.4 per cent increase in pre-tax profits to £36 million and a dividend 10 per cent higher at 2.75p a share are creditable. But there was nothing in the underlying performance to indicate Salvesen is coping with the recession any better than its peers.

Distribution and manufacturing, Salvesen's traditional activities, did no more than maintain trading profits at £13.1 million and £12 million respectively. Only specialist hire, which is built around the resilient Aggreko power hire business, increased earnings from £8.4 million to £11.2 million, and this was not unexpected.

What surprised analysts was the unusually low interest charge of just £400,000, against £1.3 million, reflecting cash deposits into sterling to take advantage of higher domestic interest rates

Much of the benefit will be offset by adverse exchange rate movements, which could clip £1 million off pre-tax profits during the second half, and another small increase in borrowings to fund capital expenditure of £100 million.

With distribution and manufacturing unlikely to recover this year, it would be unrealistic to anticipate taxable profits ing profit still rose by 15.6 per any higher than £66 million, against £62.1 million in the previous year, putting the shares on a p/e of 10. There is no need to chase them any

James seeks equity boost for Dan-Air

DAVID James, the new chair- Newman with the help of a parapet and begin to realign ite to take it over. Mr James man of Dan-Air, is to seek new equity shareholders in an attempt to raise enough cash for the airline to expand its scheduled services.

Mr James, who is responsible for a number of company rescues, said yesterday: "I must refinance the group. Luckily I have amassed a sort of David James fan club in the City and I am talking to them about the possibility of issuing new shares, possibly as a rights issue which they would underwrite.

"This would give us a strong balance sheet which in turn would enable us to buy new equipment, expand our business class Elite service and improve airport check-in and handling facilities."

At present, 62 per cent of shares in Davies & Newman, Dan-Air's parent company, are held in trust by the two families, with a further 9 per cent being split between Caledonian Investments, Virgin and British Midland.

Mr James said: "That means that only 29 per cent of the shares are available on the open market, which leads to some wild fluctuations in value with only a small amount of trading.

"This is clearly no way to establish a stable publicly quoted company and I would like to see an expansion of the equityholders."

In the five weeks since Mr

While it had been expected that one of the first priorities

in the number of scheduled of the new board would be to

complex £30 million cash

injection from the banks, con-

fidence in the airline has

rename the airline and banish the poor Dan-Air image, complete with its diverse fleet of old and fuel-thirsty aircraft, Mr James said this would

scheduled routes and expand the Elite class." Apart from new equipment,

Mr James is working on plans Tour operators have to gradually merge scheduled booked long-term charters and charter operations, which and there has been a sharp rise had remained separate under had remained separate under Fred Newman, the former chairman. A number of less profitable routes are likely to be shed, while more popular

ones will be expanded. Dan-Air's fleet of 51 jets has been trimmed to 42, two of which are out on lease, with a a further two to be disposed of soon. This reduction has conhave cost £6 million and the centrated on those aircraft

'I have not failed my backers yet and I am certain that I will not fail this time. This company is just not going to go away.

company had "other priorities used for charter flights, bringin the short term".

Plans for a change of name have been shelved for at least a year while Mr James concentrates on taking the airline, which had run up loans and overdrafts of nearly £40 million and was on the point of financial collapse, back into

He said: "My programme is very straightforward. First I have had to dig very deep trenches to ensure that we can withstand anything the economy can throw at us, including the possibility of a war in

"The next phase will be to

ing the number of seats available closer to demand from the tour operators.

Talks are being held with airlines around the world about possible marketing agreements in which Dan-Air would amend its timetable to provide inter-lining, or con-nection, facilities for international passengers arriving at Gatwick or Manchester.

An announcement is likely before Christmas about the sale of Dan-Air's engineering hase at Gatwick. It is believed that a Cathay Pacific subsidiary that wanted to buy the base is no longer as interested,

said: "We are now at the stage of highly detailed negotiations about the price we will have to pay for ensuring that our own fleet of aircraft is maintained at the base. We should be in a position to shake hands on the deal and to say something publicly about the future of the base within a month or

Hundreds of Dan-Air staff have resigned over the last few weeks because of the continuing uncertainty surrounding the airline. This has delayed the need for any immediate redundancies.

Mr James said: "I am not saying that there will be some, nor that there will not. I have explained to all the staff that we must reduce operating costs and the chances are that we will have to make some changes, but until things are a little clearer we will not know exactly how."

Mr James, a single man who is usually in his office by 6 am to juggle the many companies with which he is involved and rarely stops work before midnight, is adamant that Dan-Air has a future.

He said: "I have not failed my backers yet and I am certain that with the strong balance sheet we have now I will not fail this time. This company is just not going to go away.

HARVEY ELLIOTT

THE TIMES CITY DIARY

Axe falls at County

SOME 48 hours after the rumours began, the redun-dancy axe has fallen at County NatWest Securities with 38 employees being called in one by one to be told that they had lost their jobs. They were told to clear their desks immediately. The most senior of the redundant workers. whose ages ranged from 21 to 45 years, was Ron Demega, hitherto head of the Japanese sales desk. With five of his colleagues, he fell victim to a decision to disband entirely the specialist team selling Japanese equities to UK institutions. "We did not believe that we would be in a position to make that operation profit-able in the medium term." says chief executive Tim Ferguson. The Japanese derivatives team has however been retained and it will now also handle Japanese equities. The other job losses have largely come from UK, European and American sales and research but also include "one or two" from the trading floor and one or two" from the back office. "We have been reviewing staffing levels constantly and the tougher times get, the more we will review, to ensure that we don't have any surplus Over quick capacity," Ferguson adds. We are reasonably bearish about 1991." But the firm will, he says, continue to recruit in

our market share considerably

been rerated by the top institu-tions. We are keen not to lose pads, gloves and a bat. They

Streets ahead

directory of City analysts is certain to be out of date before it is even published. And any researcher brave enough to telephone firms to ask them to name their stars may be given short shrift. "Brokers these days want to know who you are, what you are doing and why you want to know before they will tell you anything," says a spokesman for Streets Communications, the public relations consultancy, which has just published its first guide to analysts in the City. Because of all the moving around of analysts, people are reluctant to give too much away at first." The guide lists analysts at most of the leading firms, with the exception of a few notables such as Goldman Sachs and Swiss Bank Corporation, which seemed more reluctant than most to provide details. Not to be outdone, rival PR firm Citigate Communications has written to 1,300 analysts with a view to updating its own directory, due out next year.

THE security men at 10 Downing Street will have a field day this morning when Certain areas and where there an unusually large parcel aris an opportunity "to upgrade "We have increased But inside the brown paper wrapper they will find nothing

are a gift from Norman Stoller, chairman of Seton Healthcare - floated on the main market in July and due to publish its first set of IN THESE changing times, a interim results next week which owns the Open Championship brand, as endorsed by David Gower. The parcel has been preceded by a letter from Stoller, welcoming John Major "to the crease." Stoller's generosity was inspired by recent newspaper photographs of Major - who

> SOUTH Wales broker Celtic Asset Management is donating £1 to the Welsh League of Youth - for every application I'm on overtime". it has received from investors for electricity shares. An estimated 3,000 people are thought to have applied for shares through the firm.

playing the game.

Bring 'em in alive

JOHN Sherriff, the senior investment manager at Laurentian Life, the Gloucester fund management group, was noticeably absent from a European strategy presentation given by David Roche in Morgan Stanley's City luncheon rooms on Tuesday. Sherriff, a Scot and bon viveur to boot, known to enjoy a free lunch, had accepted the invitation and travelled to London especially. But John Peat, an international salesman at Morgan Stanley, got to

in the UK this year and have more dangerous than a full set the bottom of Sherriff's mysterious non-appearance comforting drink that night. He had, it seems, been caught up in a jewellery robbery in Jermyn Street. "Someone wearing a false moustache and beard had robbed a jewellery shop," explains Peat, "and two men tackled him and called for help." Solidly-built Sherriff, living up to his name, promptly rushed over and pinned the thief to the ground by sitting on his back and holding his arm in a vice-like grip. "He says he has never been so pleased to hear the lists cricket and opera as his sound of sirens," Peat adds. recreations in Who's Who -

NOTICE on the back of a slow-moving lorry spotted by a reader on London's Great West Road: "Overtake me -

SPRINGTIME in Belgium

Green gauge

next year will usher in not just green leaves but green petrol. All lead-free fuel will be coloured green by government decree, not just as a marketing ploy but as a means of stopping tax evasion. Filling stations are apparently robbing the Belgian treasury of huge sums by blending unleaded petrol with normal fuel, which carries higher Excise duties. Fraudsters have been clawing back some 15 per cent of the price of a litre by mixing the two. But motorists, at present unable to detect the pedigree of their petrol, will soon be able to do so by its colour.

CAROL LEONARD

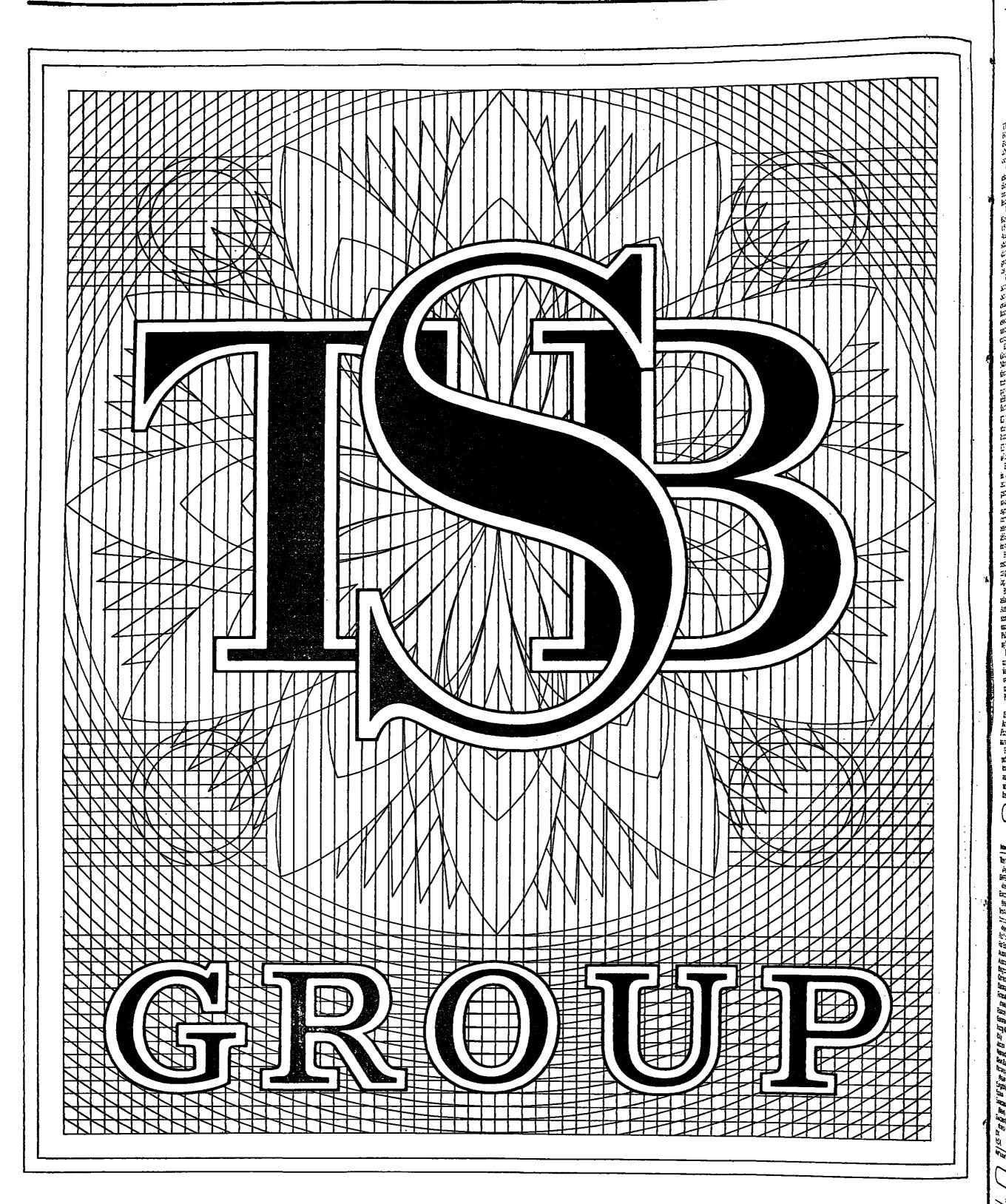
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Doubt over future of Bell Group

From Brian Buchanan IN SYDNEY

THE auditor of Bond Corp Holdings' main subsidiary, Bell Group, has raised doubts about the company's ability to continue as a going concern.

Coopers & Lybrand, the chartered accountant, qualified the company's 1989-90 annual report, which was released yesterday.

It said Bell's Aus\$672 million (£270 million) loss for the 15 months to October, and the Aus\$450 million deficiency in shareholders' funds at balance date, "raised doubt that the group will be able to continue as a going concern.

The auditor added that the accounts did not include any adjustments for the "recoverability and classification of liabilities that might be necessary, should the group be unable to continue as a going

David Aspinall, Bell Group's chairman, and Peter Mitchell, a director, said in their directors' statement that

☐ The continued support of the company's banks and for the current year range from bondholders.

☐ The successful completion of a restructuring proposal.

Bell Group said, however, in a note accompanying the their estimates towards the accounts: "Should the company and the group not be able of worsening conditions. But, to continue as a going concern, significant writedowns in the in good shape. It has no carrying value of the group's assets, which are unquantifiable at the present time, would be required." structuring.

Bell Group has proposed a restructuring similar to that of its parent, Bond Corp, involving a swap of debt for equity.

Bondholders are being asked to convert a total of Aus\$563 million into new securities, which will be convertible into equity in Bell Publishing Group, the company's main subsidiary.

Bell Group is also seeking a new controlling shareholder for Bell Publishing, which owns The West Australian, a morning daily newspaper in

Robert Maxwell, the publisher, offered Aus\$250 million for a half interest in Bell Publishing less than six

However, the value of the publishing operation was written down in Bell Group's annual accounts to Aus\$150 million from Aus\$387 million

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(STOCK MARKET)

Bunzl acts to fend off attack by the 'dirty tricks brigade'

THE former high-flying paper and building products distributor Bunzi found itself the latest target of the "dirty tricks brigade" which is hoping to drive the share price lower for its own short-term gains.

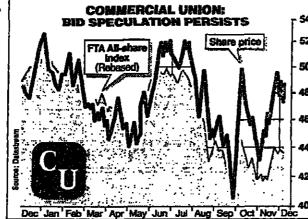
But the speculators appear to have met with only limited success with the price only slipping 5p to 68p after the company tipped off the Stock Exchange that a number of analysis had been faxed an anonymous document from the United States, headed Current Conditions for 1990. The document outlined gloomy prospects in the United States after a decline in

trading conditions. Bunzl says that it is not aware of any new factors affecting its overall prospects for the current year and it has asked the Stock Exchange to investigate.

Bunzl met a number of brokers this week, including Henderson Crosthwaite on Tuesday. The company is still the ability of the company to pay its debts as and when they fell due depended on two factors. criticised by shareholders at the annual meeting.

Estimates of pre-tax profits £53 million to £58 million compared with £65.8 million last time. But analysts have been steadily downgrading lower end of the range because they point out, Bunzl remains gearing and has made some disposals that have been followed by a group re-

The rest of the equity market enjoyed another quietly firm day, still hoping for a peaceful settlement in the Gulf. Turnover was boosted



to 520.9 million shares by advertising agency, showed a several programme trades and a large number of bed-andbreakfast deals, designed to The board has decided not to establish tax losses. But pay a dividend and it is now investment interest remained low key with most investors' attention centred on the

electricity flotation. The FT-SE 100 index ended laden advertising group, a near its best levels, 6.3 up at further 3p lower at 94p. WPP's 2,152.6, while the FT index of current year ends this month

Wickes, the do-it-yourself and building products group, was mystified by the sudden fall of 17p in its shares to 59p. Trading at Hunter Timber remains difficult and has prompted a number profit downgradings recently. Alexanders Laing & Cruickshank, the broker, cut its forecast twice last mouth, by a total of £13.1 million to £16.3 million.

Government securities tax profits climbing by £10 sported gains of £% at the million to £85 million. longer, helped by a steady pound and lingering hopes of

an early cut in interest rates. Among the leaders, Glaxo continued to benefit from the million. But the group issued a firmed 1p to 29p on the news launch of its anti-asthma drug with a rise of 18p to 858p, while Wellcome rose 10p to 398p, drawing strength from the publicity given to Aids

30 shares added 8.0 at 1,689.6. and it is expected to show pro

drop in pre-tax profits from

£61.3 million to £35.6 million.

talking to its bankers about

The news from Saatchi left

rescheduling debts.

ing a rise in pre-tax profits of for the current year. Grand offered.

Bass, the brewer, climbed 31p to £10.26 after announc-

Full-year figures from Saat- Metropolitan, reporting to-chi & Saatchi, the troubled day, added 10p at 612p.

takeover speculation. There has been talk in recent weeks that Axa Midi, the French financial services group, was ready to bid for one of the British insurers in preparation for 1992. Commercial Union. up 71/2p at 485p, remains the speculators' favourite. CU's name has been in the frame for some time, fuelled by a several stake-building exercises. Sun Alliance has built up a 14 per cent holding which is believed to be a prelude to a

The composite insurance

sector continued to buzz with

merger at some stage. The speculation also lifted Royal Insurance, 6p to 438p, Sun Alliance, 2p to 325p, Guardian Royal Exchange, 1p to 200p, while General Accident shed 1p at 487p.

Reuters, the international news agency and financial information group, spent a volatile day, touching extremes of 598p and 628p WPP, Martin Sorrell's debtbefore closing unchanged at 616p after a presentation for American brokers in New York.

Carlton Communications, the film and television services group, firmed a further 3p to 365p before its interim figures, out soon. Henderson Crosthwaite turned bullish of the shares last week, claiming that this year's fall from a high of 850p had been overdone. Warburg Securities is also believed to be taking a similar

Eurotunnel's units jumped almost 15 per cent to £535 20p to 363p and the warrants warning that the immediate that more than 84 per cent of outlook had deteriorated. Last the £532 million rights issue night, analysts were down- had been taken up with grading their forecasts (which applications for 70 million had been about £615 million) shares out of the 83.9 million

MICHAEL CLARK

Tyre demand slump hurts Pirelli

By WOLFGANG MUNCHAU, EUROPEAN BUSINESS CORRESPONDENT

Amsterdam-listed Italian tyre Shares in the company fell by company, has given warning it 1.20 guilders to FI 19.80. Last will make no profits this year, year, the company's net profit

attempts to take over Continental, its German rival, million (£12 million). profit this year.

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PIRELLI Tyre Holdings, the and increased competition. that consolidated profits will be lower than last year's L320 billion.

Pirelli said in a statement: The news indicates a set- was FI 206.5 million, while "The performance underlines back for the company in its profits in the first half of this the present difficulties in the "The performance underlines year were down to FI 40 tyre industry as a whole, in which certain competitors which can now claim that it is

The parent company, the anticipate significant losses the only one of the world's six Milan-based Pirelli SpA, for 1990."

The tyre industry has been

industrial companies, said its hit by the recession in the US, Pirelli Tyre Holdings said it profits will be in line with last in particular in the primary stake in Continental and expected to break even this year's 119 billion lire (£54.5 markets, with reduced deyear because of a fall in million). The downturn in the mand by American motor ity of shareholders in the

Pirelli claims that a merger with Continental would lead to a reduction of surplus capacity and therefore higher profitability.

Continental, however, will now feel justified in its original claims that it can ride out the recession better on its own than in conjunction with any of its competitors.

Pirelli owns a 5 per cent claims support from a major-

Douglas

Trade surplus is boost for Bonn

By COLIN NARBROUGH ECONOMICS CORRESPONDENT

UNIFIED Germany's trade surplus rose DM400 million last month to DM8.4 billion, providing the Bonn governcum of good news amid concern about the economic

cost of unification. Helmut Kohl, elected as the first chancellor of the unified Germany last Sunday, faces a surge in public sector borrowing to an estimated DM150 billion this year, an increase which threatens to push up interest rates and provoke a political row over spending

cuts and taxes. Though the government has the increased borrowing. sistent current account surpluses, unification has been eating into the traditional surpluses, as goods are di- trend." rected to east Germany in-



Kohl: figures good news The current account surplus also advanced strongly to DM6.7 billion from DM5.4

Stefan Auwärter, Europe voiced confidence about economist at Morgan Gren-Germany's ability to finance fell, considered the October figures surprising, but said the pointing to the high level of improvement was unlikely to domestic savings and per- be sustained. "It would be wrong to extrapolate too much from these figures. The trade surplus is still on a downward

But there were good signs for German industry in the exports, which continued to Contrary to market expectations, the trade surplus rose in rise, despite a 4 per cent October, Federal Statistics Of- appreciation of the mark over fice figures showed yesterday. the past year, he noted.

bucks the recession By PHILIP PANGALOS ROBERT M Douglas, the

Midlands building, civil engineering and construction equipment group, continued to buck the recession affecting the building sector with an increase in first-half profits.

Pre-tax profits climbed from £5.26 million to £5.35 million in the half year to end-September, on turnover ahead from £161.2 million to £186.4

John Douglas, the chairman, said the group "per-formed very well in difficult market conditions". He attributed the group's success in "the bleak trading conditions" to its spread of activities, which range from the supply of equipment for the Channel tunnel to roadbuilding, and its avoidance of any significant

Overall interest costs were trimmed from £655,000 to £435,000. Gearing stands at about 16 per cent. There was an extraordinary cost of £82,000 relating to discontinued activies. Earnings per share edged up

from 20.6p to 20.7p. The interim dividend is main-

RICS urged to give ruling in Scott's value dispute

BAKER Lorenz, one of the valued the properties at £2.3 which commissioned the de property valuers caught up in million. the controversy over the value Baker Lorenz says that in

vision, that the huge dif- de Morgan in their valuations on more than 15 deals. ference between the two and, in particular, whether valuations of the London such expertise was backed up RICS said recently, "wholly attributable to a difference in valuation opinion".

During the takeover of past year. Scott's by BS Group, an-Lorenz valued the properties million acquisition of Scott's. at £6.43 million.

De Morgan & Co, which was commissioned by minor-ity shareholders in BS Group, minority Scott's shareholder the edge of oblivion."

of Scott's Restaurant, has the interests of public percep- Abingdon said that Baker written to the Royal Institu- tion of the surveying pro- Lorenz had cited only two tion of Chartered Surveyors. fession, the RICS must valuations as comparables for The company has told intervene to determine the Scott's properties.

Adrian Britton, director of the "whether due expertise was Abingdon believes the de RICS's general practice di- applied by Baker Lorenz and Morgan valuation was based

valuation was based on 15 Last week, BS won share-

Both companies are con-

Morgan valuation, rejected the Baker Lorenz complaint.

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WALL STREET Early fall for Dow

BLUE chips declined in mid- settlement in the Gulf. morning but the broad market held firm. The better than expected factory orders for October had no impact on shares. The Dow Jones industrial average fell 12 points to HK\$943.48 million (£62.7 2.567.7, but in the general market rising shares had a

slim lead over falling ones. The Middle East and the Federal Reserve's credit policy were the market's main focuses of attention.

that stemmed from concern about the worsening state of ● Hong Kong — Shares ended The Nikkei index closed higher on overseas buying and 1,470.96. 331.11 points, or 1.51 per

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oilfields. The Nikkei was up 231.17 points above Tuesday's close in the first 15 minutes. Shares then retreated because of fears that an economic slowdown is looming in Japan, but only to rebound on stock index futures-linked buying before

The index stayed higher for the rest of the day. The Nikkei moved in a range of 620 points centred fairly even around Tuesday's close.

The volume of 350 million shares compared with 240 million on Tuesday. Much of the gains, however, resulted from short-covering after the 863.38-point slump in the Nikkei on Tuesday.

Rumours of financial probems among property developers and groups of speculators continued to make trading in all financial markets

here rather nervous. The main rises were the non-life insurance, electrical, broking, banking, pharmaceutical, railway/bus, service, paper/pulp, property and electrical power sectors. The only falls were the communications, rubber, airline, car and gas sectors.

 Singapore — Shares closed firmer across the board on selective buying and bargain-hunting, mainly by individual investors, brokers said. A firmer close in Tokyo and Tuesday's gains on Wall Street gave investors' confidence a boost. The Straits Times industrial index rose 2.88 to 1,124,22,

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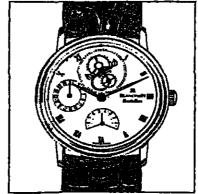
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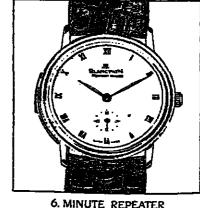


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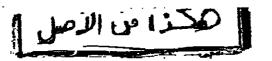


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Turkey looks west for funds

After striving for years to build a

stronger economy. Turkey's efforts are being set back by repercussions from

the Gulf dispute, David Rudnick says

urkey's economy was transformed during the Eighties under the stew-ardship of Turgut Ozal, who, until his election as president a year ago, was the prime minister and head of the governing Motherland Party. Turkey has western economy, and embraced its dominant free-market ethos. Interest rates have been freed, the currency has been floated, tariffs on most imports have been lowered and tax rebates for exporters

A programme to privatise about 48 state enterprises, which the government admits has been slow to get off the ground, is reaching a critical stage. A campaign to spur growth through attracting foreign investment, sluggish until re-cently, is at last showing tentative

signs of succeeding.

The confrontation in the Gulf raises a question mark over Turkey's future. Building contractors and road hauliers are already counting the cost of Turkey's break with Iraq, and general uncertainty is said to be holding up many investment decisions.

In October, to calculate losses from the conflict, the government ran an econometric model. According to Dr Hasan Ersel, the director of research and planning at the Central Bank of Turkey, the model showed that in 1991 Turkey may expect to lose \$300 million (£150 million) in export revenue, but to cut import costs by as much as \$2.1 billion (£)

This startling latter figure is accounted for by a projected \$1.8 billion (£900 million) drop in oil imports resulting from higher prices. The model forecasts higher import prices generally. It sees inflation staying at about 50 per cent, and growth shrinking to less than 5 per cent.

"The way to compensate us,"



Avenue of ads: many economic observers say Turkey's banking sector is overcrowded, as this line of advertise

Dr Ersel says, "is to open opportunities for us in export markets now subject to trade restrictions." This is a clear reference to the quotas imposed on Turkish exports, of textiles in particular.

However, although Dr Ersel, like most observers, sees the Gulf dispute as a complicating factor, Turkey's main problem is its persistently high inflation, fuelled by a soaring fiscal deficit.

Inflation, measured by the consumer price index, is running at 55 per cent, which is an improvement on the 68 per cent high reached in December, 1989, but a long way from the 30 per cent confidently predicted by government min-isters for the end of this year. Combating inflation is the government's chief priority, and there is general agreement that success depends on forcing down the budget deficit.

Six months ago this represented per cent of Turkey's gross domestic product (GDP). The deficit now stands at 8 per cent, and the treasury forecasts that it will reach 9 per cent by early next year. Parliament has yet to pass the 1991 budget, but it is based, Dr Ersel says, on the 9 per cent figure.

It is hoped that successful privatisations will greatly reduce public expenditure, raise needed revenue and so help control the budget

Growth is a healthy 8 per cent, well up on last year's feeble 1.7 per cent, but down from the roaring 10 per cent rate reached in July, when the economy was starting to overheat. Agricultural output has

rate of \$1.6 billion (£800 million) for 1990, but invisibles are

performing well.
"Fortunately," Dr Ersel says,
"Iraq attacked Kuwait after the peak season for tourist bookings. Had they done it in May, we would really have been in trouble." The longer-term future, should the conflict drag on to next

'The way to compensate us is to open opportunities for us in export markets that are now subject to trade restrictions'

improved after last year's drought and is one reason for the expansion. Manufacturing investment is also said to be booming, despite high interest rates (60 per cent on the inter-bank overnight rate) brought about by the widening public deficit and the disappearance of the excess liquidity of a

year ago. Turkey's deficit in its external

however.

Migrants' remittances, Turkey's other big invisible export earner, are seriously threatened by events in Germany, hitherto the El Dorado for Turkish emigrants. Germans from the east will replace Turks, although there is as yet no uncontrolled exodus. Dr Ersel expects more serious repercussions from the expected decline in Germany's current account surplus next year, and the di-version of German investment from Turkey to eastern Germany.

Much is hoped for from Japan, vhich Mr Özal, accompanied by leading economic figures, visite earlier this month. As for the United States, budgetary prob-lems there make the outlook for further investment in Turkey less

Turkey's economic health depends on bringing inflation down to European levels, and, for this to happen, more fiscal discipline is imperative. Dr Rusdu Saracoglu, the governor of the central bank, would like to see "a government commitment to increase real tax revenues by half a per cent above the real GDP growth rate, and keep the real increase in government spending half a per cent below GDP growth".

If this were done, he says, the fiscal deficit would disappear in five years. To many Turkish observers, however, this will sound like a counsel of perfection, given widespread tax evasion and the likely calls on the public purse

CHANGE AND INNOVATION

Europe as a model

Banking practices in Turkey are slowly being brought into line with those of EC countries

reform and restructuring for Turkish banks, to enable them to integrate and compete in the international arena. The coming decade should see further radical change and innovation as the banks adapt to their more

challenging environment.
The Turkish Banks' Association reports that its members expect turmoil in the domestic market similar to the Eighties". It believes that "the financial sector should comply with Economic Community norms like any other EC country", regardless of whether Turkey enters the EC (David Rudnick writes).

A large degree of market liberalisation has already been achieved. Interest rates on loans and deposits have been freed, as has the foreign exchange market. The Turkish lira is now fully convertible, and the central bank has the reserves to cope with the exchange-rate swings.

However, much of the stateregulated system remains. Turkish banks retain the German model of investing heavily in industry at the behest of the state, rather than just lending to it.

Burhan Karacam, the general

manager of the Yapi-Kredi Bank, is one of many who are disgruntled. The investment returns reveal that they do not offer a very

high yield," he says.

The banks also say the high level of reserves and liquidity requirements imposed on them by the central bank weakens their current assets. However, Rüsdü Saracoglu, the governor of the central bank, argues that "the average reserve requirement today is not very high at 13.7 per cent. I remember times when it was 33 per cent." The requirement has since dropped to 12.8 per cent.

There is also criticism that banks are legally obliged to hold excessive amounts of government paper (25 per cent) in their portfolio. Mr Saracoglu says that part of these compulsory holdings are in "state debentures from which banks earn interest on market terms", but most bankers view this locking up of capital as an imposition.

The biggest issue facing the banks is capital adequacy. The government, pursuing its objec-

The Eighties were a decade of Europe, is insisting that the banks bring their capital adequacy, or risk-asset ratio, up to the miti-mum level of safety defined by the Bank for International Settle ments, in Basle.

Many banks are being forced in liquidate assets to meet the new capital adequacy requirements a trend that is undermining the link between banking and industry.

New capital adequacy require ments are also changing the criteria for assessing the banks performance, emphasising asset quality, not volume of deposits Although Turkey looks grossly over-banked, the retail sector remains almost unexplored. Consumer credit, automated teller machines (ATMs), and credit cards face considerable expan The biggest banks, such as Ziraat and Akbank, have been slow to adopt these new facilities, while Yapi-Kredi leads the field.

The commercial sector, how. ever, is overcrowded. The rise in foreign investment in Turkey is encouraging the growth of investment banks such as Turk Merchant Bank, as well as the launching of Morgan Stanley International's Turkey Fund, and Turkey's inclusion in the Mediterranean Fund portfolios of



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The cornerstone of Turkey's economy: textiles are by far the country's biggest export

lying up loose ends

Turkey's textile exports have erupted on to foreign markets, complicating already difficult relations with the European Community.

The sector is justifiably, seen as a cornerstone of the Turkish economy. According to industry figures, in 1989 textiles contributed £1.7 billion towards the total export earnings of about £5.2 billion. The EC is the most important market, taking about 55 per cent, or £1 billion, of Turkey's textile exports: of that, Germany accounts for 55 per cent. In comparison, the United States imports a mere £150

However, the industry faces big problems. One is the yet on export volumes," Mr protectionism in Turkey's export markets, particularly in not want to lose customers or the EC. Negotiations are market share, so they are not under way in Brussels to raise raising their prices. They import quotas, but Tuncer could be forced up by next Ogun, the general secretary of year." Turkey's textile exporters' association, admits that "this tougher exporting environyear is an inconvenient time ment is not leading the infor us. The multi-fibre agree- dustry to concentrate more on ment is due to end next year, its domestic market. "Exports and since we do not know are still increasing at an whether it will be extended, annual rate of 15 to 20 per

prospects are clouded." An agreement with the EC textile output is exported." that regulates sales of readymade Turkish apparel also need for more investment in ends this year, Mr Ogun says, modern manufacturing equipadding to the uncertainty. As ment. The necessary invest-Turkish clothing exports is high borrowing costs, ag-classed as sensitive, he says, gravated by inflation, and the including T-shirts, trousers, lack of attention to new pullovers and blouses.

Although textiles carry the economy,

the sector is not

without obstacles

Another, more recent problem is a loss of export-price competitiveness, because domestic inflation is driving prices up faster than the depreciating Turkish lira is keeping them down. To make matters worse, Turkish cotton

prices have risen sharply,

putting up yarn costs to fabric

producers and fabric costs to clothing manufacturers. "We do not feel the effect Ogun says, "Our producers do

Mr Ogun insists that the cent, and at least half the

Other problems include the "There is more

awareness now, but design consciousness remains weak," Mr Ogun says.

One company that uses modern production processes, and designs fabrics for Marks & Spencer, is Akin Tekstil. Ramazan Özgur, the general manager, says the company is keeping its export prices sta-ble, and forecasts export sales of £8.5 million, or 30 per cent of its output, this year.

Fashion in Turkey, according to Mr Ozgur, is shifting from cotton towards polyester and mixed fabrics. However, be does not think the trend will last, "Turkey is a warm country, and cotton is more practical, although they do not seem to understand that," he

Turkish textiles are starting to face domestic competition from low-cost east Asian suppliers. "This is unfair com-petition," Mr Özgur says, since these exporters are subsidised, enabling them to undercut Turkish producers.

True, Turkish workers earn less than their European counterparts," he says, "but inferior productivity and capital make the Turkish industry much more labour-intensive, therefore less competitive." Joint ventures with Euro-

pean pariners are sought after. but rare. One took place last vear with the merger of much as 80 per cent of ment has been held back by Bozkurt, one of Turkey's big-Turkish clothing exports is high borrowing costs, aggest fabric producers, with DMC, the French company.

DAVID RUDNICK

The strong face of optimism

Andrew Mango interviews Turgut

Özal, the president of Turkey, and finds a man confident of solutions

essential in a successful politician: he is tireless, sounds as if he has all the time in the world when speaking in the remarkably informal surroundings of the presidential palace on Cankaya hill, in Ankara. He was at home for one day between his return from the imperial ceremonies in Tokyo and his departure for the Paris conference.

He explains his conviction that the problems of Turkey, the Middle East and of the world at large are well on their way to a satisfactory solution. True, the Gulf dispute has damaged Turkey. Exports to Iraq, its neighbour, and to Kuwait have ceased: so has transit trade. Oil prices have Turkey is so near the war zone. Investors, cautious as

the dispute. The moment the dispute is over, however, he believes Turkey's star will rise. It is the most stable country in the area. It will benefit from rising demand in neighbouring countries. It will be seen as an attractive place for foreign investments. And it will have more access to American and European markets.

ever, are waiting for the end of

A key issue is Turkey's application for full membership of the European Community. Mr Ozal sees no disadvantage in the community's policy of proceeding initially with the establish-

THE uncertainty caused by,

(David Rudnick writes).

Jurgut Özal, the presi- ment of a customs union with dent of Turkey, has Turkey by 1995, under the three qualities that are existing association agreement. However, it should be a full customs union, he says, relaxed and optimistic. He guaranteeing a free circulation of goods and capital, with no derogations or quotas.

All it would exclude would be the free circulation of labour and Turkey's participation in the EC's political decision-making mechanism. That should come later. Mr Özal believes that Turkey's Gulf policy, and the leading part it is playing in bringing pressure to bear on Iraq, should have a favourable effect on the community's

Mr Özal is optimistic: "In my belief, the Gulf crisis will be completely solved in the first two months of next year." The embargo is biting hard in risen. Tourism has suffered, as Iraq, which is showing signs of softening its stance. Conditions will be much harder for it in two or three months,

"I think if war became necessary in order to reach peace, everybody should accept it. Otherwise you will never achieve peace," he says. However, even this year, Mr Ozal sees no big problems for the Turkish economy. True, the external current account is in deficit after two ears of surplies but he behit 7 per cent, Turkey experi-enced difficulties in its bal-

lieves that this deficit is more

apparent than real, since Tur-

key's foreign exchange re-

serves are rising. In any case, there is nothing

Waiting for Turkey's star to rise: President Turgut Özal

current account deficit: "Not too large, not too small, but reasonable and manageable." Mr Ozal believes that this year the growth rate of the Turkish economy will work out at 9 per cent; the provisional figure for the first six months is 10 per cent. By contrast, before 1980, when free-market policies were first introduced, whenever growth

Mr Ozal compares Turkey's economic difficulties in 1980

ance of payments.

market and convertible currencies can be achieved by a 500-day programme. It will take much longer," he says. But Turkey has cone it, and has reaped the benefits. Before liberalisation, "we were buying electricity from Bulgaria. Now Bulgaria is buying it from us, and so too is the Soviet Union.'

Mr Ozal believes that were it not for the Gulf consict. inflation would have been brought down to 40 per cent or less by the end of this year. The increase in the oil price with those currently in eastern will, he thinks, add 13 or 14 country running a reasonable Europe. "I don't say that a free points to inflation. But next

year should be better, partly because oil prices are easing and partly because of central hank control over money.

What does he think about threats to internal political stability, including recent outbreaks of terrorism, and their effect on the Turkish economy? Mr Ozal emphasises the dangers of exaggeration. It is true that in recent months 22 people have been killed by terrorists, but in the late Seventies the terrorist toll was 20 to 30 victims a day. Terrorism today is an international phenomenon, he says. In Turkey, it is now largely the work of a mafia into which formerly ideological terrorists have merged.

As for the threat of terrorism by Islamic fundamentalists, Mr Ozal says this has been misunderstood by western intelligence agencies and that there is no fundamentalist danger in Turkey.

Fundamentalism, he says, like President Nasser's Arab socialism, is the product of poverty. In Turkey, conditions have improved in the past decade to the point where it is like a European country. Given that people now have possibilities available in Europe, that the shops are full, there is no reason for them to turn to fundamentalism.

Fundamentalism should be distinguished, however, from the revival of Islam. This matched Christian revival. such as that now occurring in

the Soviet Union. Mr Ozal wants the constitution amended and a direct presidential election to coincide with parliamentary elections due no later than November 1992. This would shorten his present term, but he could stand for a second.

Building contractors have been forced to find new markets

tension in the Gulf has depressed contracting business in Turkey's Middle East markets, but in typically resilient Restructuring of an industry is converse. style, the industry is canvass-

ing new opportunities in the wait caught Turkish con-Soviet Union and east Europe tractors unprepared. They Contractors stress that these were forced immediately to areas are not a replacement market for the Middle East. abandon sites and about 5,000 construction workers had to Geographical proximity, the return from Kuwait and Iraq. Islamic religion and the ability Turkey's contractors' associof Turkish companies to work ation estimates the financial loss at more than £250 on tight margins have all contributed to the construc-

ability to pay contractors unit housing development, more promptly and removed a with associated infrastructure, former source of friction.

Sezai Türkes Feyzi Akkaya of operations. The recent in connection with the great spokesman says: "Before the Europe and Southeast Asia.

resulting from developments Guffra, STFA is building a in the Gulf, lubricated Libya's new town, comprising a 1,500worth £100 million.

STFA says half of its work is (STFA), one of Turkey's big-coming from within Turkey gest contractors, has four con- and the rest from alroad. In tracts worth £36 million normal times, a greater million. running in Libya, including proportion would be coming Libya remains a prime area the construction of a reservoir from abroad. A company

invasion of Kuwait, business in the Gulf had wound down because of low oil prices. Then, within days, we had the good news and the bad news. On July 29, Opec raised the oil price from \$15 to \$21 a barrel. On August 2 came the Kuwaiti

Other contractors are busy in the Soviet Union, where six projects worth a total of £500 billion are under way, including the building of hotels in the Caucasus and Biack Sea resorts and a hospital in Moscow. Other avenues are being explored in eastern

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Motors switch to fast lane

tion industry's striking success

in the Middle East.

Encouraging signs in the car industry

CAR ownership in Turkey is still confined to 3 per cent of the population, but the industry is growing fast (David Rudnick writes). According to the Automotive Manufacturers' Association (AMA). 160,000 cars were produced in the first ten months of this year, 40,000 more than the same period in 1989.

Imports are expected to account for 60,000-65,000 vehicles for 1990 as a whole, compared with 6,000 in 1989. Sales of commercial vehicles have shot up by 52 per cent, to nearly 2,000 between January and October this year.

Ali Ihsan Ilkbahar, president of the AMA, ascribes the expansion to high economic growth in Turkey and a big reduction in import tariffs, down last year from 75 per cent to 32 per cent for most passenger cars. He estimates that Fiat, through its 41 per cent holding in Tofas, is market leader with an annual output of around 85,000 vehicles. Renault is second with about 65,000, followed at some distance by Otosan (8,000), the company Mr lkbahar manages, in which

Ford has a 30 per cent interest. The Turkish government recently introduced incentives for new production lines with a capacity to produce a mini-mum of 100,000 cars annually. The measures allow for 100 per cent of new investment to be written off against tax, and the government will also provide up to 25 per cent of the equity capital, on condition that the plant is sited in an industrial development zone and is 80 per cent complete in five years.

Toyota is planning to invest up to £125 million in a joint venture with the Turkish Sabanci group (50 per cent) and Mitsui (10 per cent), with operations starting in 1993. Tofas hopes to increase its capacity to 200,000 vehicles next year, and Renault is aiming at 100,000 by 1992.

On a smaller scale, General Motors last month started producing its Opel Vectra/Vauxhall Cavalier models, in a £12 million investment which is planned to reach a capacity of 10.000 cars a year by the end of 1991. Peugeot's plans for a joint venture with the Nadir group have had to be abandoned.



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SPORTS LETTERS

Weight not the sole criterion From Mr and Mrs M.A. Pomerv

From Mr Stephen E. R. Evans Sir, As a 15-year-old, medium-weight, prop forward, I read with interest the suggestions put forward by Mr George Crawford (Sports Letters, November 29) regarding the dangers of playing in the front row. Mr Crawford, despite his 20-year playing career, seems to believe that weight is the only criterion of a good prop forward. He claims that a 10st youngster will always beat one who is only 8st; if this were so, would David Sole be a

world-class prop?
Although pure weight is one criterion, technique, aggression and strength are of equal im-portance. Many lighter props prefer pushing against very heavy ones as they find it easy to counteract weight with tech-

Naturally, the front row does Naturally, the front row does carry danger, but this can be minimised if youngsters are taught the proper technical and safety requirements of these positions. A high tackle by a lightweight back carries just as much danger. Safety depends acceptable on cood technique. primarily on good technique, good refereeing and the game played in the right spirit. Mr Crawford's unworkable gimmicks will not help. Yours faithfully. S. E. R. Evans. 34 Tubbenden Lane,

Amateur rules

Orpington, Kent.

From Mr Sean Enright Sir, Andy Ripley (December 4) rightly points out that there is still considerable confusion as to the precise circumstances in which rugby union players can receive payment arising from their association with the game. I write as a playing captain of an old boys' side (second XV) in the Surrey league third division. My players are most anxious to benefit financially from the recent redefinition of their ama-

National identity

From Mr Bruce G. Grainger Sir, In the light of your report (November 27) about an offer by the European Community to subsidise European Olympic teams, if athletes display the EC 12-star motif on their kit at the 1992 Olympic Games, are we to infer that the EC wishes to see the amalgamation of EC sports federations and Olympic com-States of Europe" team for the

Furthermore, are we to understand that the IOC would wel-come such a European confederation since it already, apparently, regards the re-emer-gence of independent republics from the Soviet Union with

in whose interests would the EC or the IOC imagine that they are working? It seems unlikely that the miscellaneous sports governing bodies of the European nations will welcome an amalgamation that would so

th:

teur status but they are equally keen to remain within the new rules, whatever they may be. The trouble is no one seems able to give a coherent account of the

Sir, As parents of a boy of similar age to the one who was seriously injured in the rugby

match described by Mr Craw-ford, we were shocked and distressed to hear of the ac-cident. We wholeheartedly agree

with Mr Crawford when he says

that "the risks should be re-duced to the absolute mini-

mum". While his proposals are undoubtedly sensible, surely they do not go far enough.

The great challenge for

schoolboy rugby is to devise a version of the game which retains all the speed, skill,

excitement and enjoyment but

does away with the scrummage

in its present form. What is needed, quite simply, is an alternative and safer means of

starting the game after a minor

There are many distinguished

rugby-playing schools and there is no shortage of intellect and

Yours faithfully.

M. A. POMERY, M. POMERY,

31 D'Abernon Drive, Stoke D'Abernon, Cobham,

This is probably because the new rules are artificial and illogical — either we are amateurs or we are not.

SEAN ENRIGHT. Kingston upon Thames,

considerably reduce the number The international sports federasuch change. Nor would it be consistent with the Olympic philosophy propounded by De

Should the European nation take a lesson from some of the former Eastern bloc territories and promote sporting indepen-dence and success as beacons of their national indentities? Could Mrs Thatcher find a

new role guarding the interests of our national teams, and our national identity, as minister for Yours faithfully, BRUCE G. GRAINGER,

by fax to 071-782 5046. They should include a daytime telephone number.

Managers drive up golf fees

From Mr John Stout Sir, Nick Faldo's rather bullish comments on the subject of appearance money (November 28) may do little to enhance his

public image, but are. I believe, perfectly fair, coming, as they do, from a man who exiled himself for two years only to reemerge to reach the very top of his profession. without ever coming close to a win. Surely we would not want Rather than whinge about the superstars carning appearance money, the guilty parties among that to happen to our boys. The one hole in Faldo's the middle-ranking profess-ionals on the PGA European somewhat simplistic "who dares, wins" philosophy is that Tour, have reason to thank the likes of Faldo and Ballesteros. whose achievements have cap-

appearance fees are being driven up, not by the achievements of the superstars, but by their managers, whose primary mot-ivation is their company's bank balance rather than the good of the game or even, on some occasions, their clients Yours sincerely, JOHN STOUT,

From Mr Peter Murdoch

other than cricket.

Yours thithfully

5 Portland Road, W1.

From Mr R. Hayes

Sir. How right is Mr R. V

her 29) to object to the term

Ashes used in referring to sport between England and Australia

I am sorry to report that my grandfather, W. L. Murdoch, captain of Australia at that time,

has definitely turned in his grave at the Kensal Green

Sir. My ten-year-old son had

been watching the third Great

Britain v Australia rugby league match after which he asked

origin, a big grin spread across his face. His next question (his

tone of voice suggested I was mad) was: What have cricket

stumps to do with rugby?" After that I had great difficulty in

convincing him that the commentator was incorrect in refer-

ring to the Ashes in any other sport but cricket.

Yours sincerely,

R. HAYES, 42 Arnold Crescent,

Newbold Verdon, Leicestershire.

A different code

From Mr Keith Adamson

Sir, I sincerely hope that Gra-ham Taylor is not under any

misapprehension about the qualities and talents of his

scouts, Ken Furphy, Keith Burkinshaw and George Aitken

(report, December 5). None were managers of Workington

Town, whose code is rugby league all managed Workington AFC during their Football

League days.

I await the next England line-up and tactics with bated breath.

Yours faithfully.

KEITH ADAMSON, 4 Causeway Glade, Dore, Sheffield, South Yorkshire.

When I had explained their

me"What are the Ashes?

Ashes to ashes From Mr Simon Burrows

enthusiasm for the game amongst their staff and pupils. If this challenge could be met successfully, some long-tasting good would come from this sad incident. Sir. Could it be that now England's cricketers are made to dress up like baseball players coloured uniforms, names on their backs, baggy caps, etc. -they could justify their uncanny knack of batting like baseball

tured the media attention nec-

essary to promote professional

golf to an ever-growing inter-national audience.

that sponsors are clamouring to

pour money into the sport all

over Europe causing, amongst

other effects, prize-money on

The simple consequence is

Certainly from watching the first Test match in Brisbane our batsmen seem to be following two of the more basic require-ments of baseball — i.e. do not move your feet when attempting to hit the ball; wave the bat around in the air as the pitcher (bowler) approaches his delivery

Perhaps now they could concentrate more on the fun-damentals of batting and then we might see some more "home runs" for fewer "outs". Yours faithfully, SIMON BURROWS, 31 Azalea Walk,

Old Eastcote, Pinner, Middlesex. From Mr J. D. Del-Rivo Sir, Why should not Lamb and Gower visit a casino, one won ders, even if a match be in progress at the time (report, November 30)? But the fact that they were the guests of Mr Packer fills one with foreboding.

DAN DEL-RIVO, Wenlock, Wenbaston Halesworth, Suffolk.

Racing solution From Mr Michael Kettle

Sir, There would appear to be a simple answer to many of the ills of British racing. An act of Parliament could give the Tote a monopoly on all off-course and on-course betting. The existing bookmakers could then become agents of the Tote, on terms to be agreed.

Yours faithfully, MICHAEL KETTLE, Kingston upon Thames, Surrey.

the tour to have increased by nearly 300 per cent in the past five years alone.
When the United States lost

BETTING turnover is set to plunge in real terms until the mid-Nineties and place the 1987 Ryder Cup match. Jack Nicklaus observed that US Tour professionals were getting "soft". They were losing the winning habit because they could earn more than a comfortracing's perilous finances under even greater pressure, according to a confidential report prepared for Britain's able living on the US tour bookmakers. The dramatic slowdown.

after seven years of steady growth, will reduce the levy. based on turnover, which helps fund prize-money for racing, improvements to racecourses and integrity services. such as racing patrol cameras and the Horseracing Forensic Laboratory. The report by the National

Economic Research Associates (NERA) into taxation on bookmaking was carried out for the Betting Office Licensees' Assocation. The gloomy predictions are based on the latest Treasury forecasts of slower growth in consumer spending.

"As a result of this eco-

nomic slowdown, and assuming no further stimulus from SIS (Satellite Information Services), we expect that offcourse betting turnover will fall (in real terms) by 1.2 per cent in 1990 and 3.5 per cent in 1991, and by an average of 1.9 per cent per annum over the whole period from 1990 to 1995," the report states.

The number of betting shops, currently just below 10,000, will decrease over the next few years with low turnover shops "most likely to an estimated £4.54 billion

Bookmaking report endorses gloomy finance predictions

Betting turnover to plunge

BOOKMAKERS' LEVY YIELD By RICHARD EVANS

> verned by RPI £ million 16.350 16.983 18.880 19.862 +4.6% +5.2% +6.1% +4.2% +4.0% 22.834 23.632 27.897 +7.9% +8.1% 1988-89 1989-90

£199.376 Total £232,396 Levy increased from £16,350,000 in 1980-81 to £35,000,000 in 1989-90. Total raised is 16 per cent more than RPI over same period.

close because, in general, they have lower profit margins than high turnover shops."

The worrying statistics were presented to the Commons all-party racing and bloodstock industries committee this week by Len Cowburn,

NERA predictions can only add to its troubles.

our minds very considerably. cerned that the NERA fore-casts could undermine projections that £41.53 million in levy will accrue from

number of horses in training.

betting turnover during the 30th levy scheme covering 1991-2, which was agreed recently with bookmakers. The Bookmakers' Committee has reassured the board there is no reason to change projected betting turnover

With less money in real terms available to racing from the Levy Board over the next few years, the financial crisis facing the sport will take effect even sooner than anticipated. Cowburn said: "It won't be a bad thing if there is a shake-up in the racing industry, provided it is at the bottom. If you reduce the number of horses being bred and the

it is not necessarily a disaster." He commended the Marquess of Zetland's recent report, but said it showed trainers had to become more same attitude."

prepared to help itself Bookmaking had become slimmer and fitter over the years with the number of betting shops being reduced from 16.000 to below 10,000 Racing had to follow this example, by reducing the number of trainers and bad horses.

Auntie

"In 1989, there were 553 Flat trainers of whom 336 won prize-money. Of 1.314 jump trainers (including dual purpose handlers) 830 won prizemoney." Cowburn said. "Increased prize-money won't do anything for them. More prize-money does not mean it percolate. downwards which leads to the conclusion there has been overbreeding at the bottom end of the in dustry. It has attracted people to train horses and to attract owners, often first-time owners, who have had a bad

experience. He added: "The future for hookmakers, from the turnover point of view, is not very good but we will survive because we will think of something like BAGS and SIS. which came at crucial times during previous downturns.

"Bookmakers will get by because they have always believed in self-help and efficiency. They have enough wit and will, based on previous experience of self-help. 10 survive. All I am asking from racing is for them to adopt the

White determined Faldo is expected to prove his worth

SNOOKER

JIMMY White goes into the 12tournament at Brentwood, Es sex, starting today, earnestly believing that he can break Stephen Hendry's domination of the game (Steve Acteson writes).

White, ranked fourth in the world, beat John Parrott 18-9 in last year's final. He has not won a title since, although he did reach the world championship final, where he lost to Hendry, having beaten Steve Davis in the semi-finals. Considering his ability, a record of roughly one title a season is poor going, but only in recent years has White fully realised that constant hours of practice are a necessity.

White begins his campaign for the £100,000 first prize in a second-round match on Sat-

or Mike Hallett. White said: "I haven't per formed to my highest level since last year's matchplay final but I know in my own mind that I'm as good as Hendry and Davis, if

as good as readily and bavis, is not beter.

"For quite a while people have been saying Jimmy White is the best player never to have won the world championship. It's never bothered me before but now it's getting to me and I'm starting to think about it. "I know everyone is saying that Hendry and Davis are the favourites but they're not in my half of the draw. I honestly believe I can be world champion and world No. 1. TODAY'S ORDER OF PLAY: First round (best of 17 frames, sessons at 1 pm and 7pm): N Foulds (Eng): D Reynolds (Eng); D Mountjoy (Wales) v M Clark (Eng).

to do much better

MELBOURNE (AP) - Nick Faldo, the Open and US Mas-ters champion, heads the field for the Johnnie Walker classic, which begins at Royal Melbourne today.
Faido finished down the field

in last week's Australian Open championship, but is expected to mount a stronger challenge

conditions.
His rivals include Greg Norman, the former Open champion in Britain, Wayne Grady, of Australia, the US PGA champion, and Raymond Floyd, of the United States.

John Morse, the American

who won the Australian Open, is also in the field, along with the leading Australians, Ian Baker-Finch, Rodger Davis, Craig Parry and Peter Senior, the

personal allowances at the

higher rate appropriate to a

married man living with his wife for the years under appeal.

that the taxpayer had not sat-

The commissioners' decision

to win the richest first prize in golf, the San City million-dollar challenge, which tees off today

(Reuter reports). Olazábal and Bernhard Lanonazaoai and Bernnard Lan-ger are the biggest catches for the promoters, who battle each year to overcome anti-apartheid pressure to bring a star cast to the Las Vegas-style resort in Bophuthatswana black

ised to make this year's tour-nament the last to break the ing links with South Africa.

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Chancery Division

Pension power subject to good faith Husband loses married tax allowance

Imperial Group Pension Trust Ltd and Others v Imperial Tobacco Ltd and Others Before Sir Nicolas Browne-Wilkinson, Vice-Chancellor

[Reasons December 3] Where a company had the pension fund to give or withbold the rules, that power was subject to an implied obligation of good faith. That did not preclude the company from having regard to its own financial interests as long as it did not breach the obligation of good faith to its

employees. But a refusal of consent for some collateral purpose, such as abandon existing rights in order that the company should obtain a benefit for itself, was an invalid exercise of the power to withhold consent.

Sir Nicolas Browne-Wilkinson, Vice-Chancellor, so held in the Chancery Division in reserved reasons for his decision on October 31 on a summons issued by Imperial Group Pension Trust Ltd, Imperial Group Pension Investments Ltd (the two corporate trustees of the Imperial Tobacco Pension Fund) and David Palmer, Anthony Philip Cullington, Richard Charles Hannaford, Michael John Huckman, Gareth Davis and Godfrey Edwin Shelton (the commuttee of management of

The respondents to the summons were Imperial Tobacco Lid (the company), Alan Jeners under the scheme and Clive Alexander, representing the continuing employee members of

the scheme.

The summons sought the determination of the court on permitted the committee of sions without the consent of the company and, if not whether the company in giving or withholding its consent was subject to any fiduciary or other constraint as to acting reason-

management; Mr Leolin Price, QC, Mr John Mowbray, QC and Mr John Stephens for the com-pany; Mr Patrick Howell, QC and Miss Sarah Asplin for the

THE VICE-CHANCELLOR said that the Imperial Tobacco Pension Fund had a surplus of at least £130 million. Under the present rules of the pension fund, the company had no right

The present management of the company wished the mem-bers of the fund to transfer their rights and assets to a different fund, RBS. This was an open fund in which the company would be entitled to surplus. From the early 1970s pen-

sions were increased broadly in line with inflation. Although there was no express provision for that in the rules, the increases were awarded each year at the discretion of the com-mittee of management and with virtue of a power of amendment in clause 36 of the trust deed dated April 4, 1929 by which the

the company by Hanson plc was imminent, the committee of management made two amend-ments under clause 36 with the consent of the company: (i) provision that the fund would be automatically closed to new members in the event of a hostile takeover; (ii) a guarantee of at least a 5 per cent annual pany and the fund duly closed. Since the takeover by Hanson the company had refused to consent to any further increase

mittee of management wished to increase pensions in line with inflation which exceeded 5 per pensioners was that the words
"at least" in rule 64A in themselves conferred power on the committee of management

pensioners; Mr Geoffrey Topham for the employees.

to any of that surplus.

the consent of the company by ind was originally established. In 1985, when a takeover of

ncrease under a new rule 64A. Hanson took over the comanteed by rule 64A. The com-

ment. Increases of over 5 per cent could only be effected by amending the trust deed and with the company's

That raised the question of whether the company in grant-ing or withholding its consent was under any fiduciary or other duty to consider the interests of members and not merely the company's own interests.

That was a point of fundamental importance not only in relation to this pension fund but in relation to all pension

Clause 36 contained no express limitation on the company's right to give or withhold consent, for example, that such consent should not be unreason ably withheld. Accordingly, it this were a traditional private family trust there could be no

question of any such limitation. But pension schemes trusts were of quite a different nature to traditional trusts. The traditional trust was one under which the settlor, by way of bounty, transferred property to trustees to be administered for the beneficiaries as objects of his bounty.

Normally, there was no legal relationship between the parties apart from the trust. The beneficiaries had given no consideration for what they had received. The settlor, as donor, bounty as he chose, including imposing a requirement that the consent of himself or some other exercise of the powers.

A rension scheme was quite different. Pension benefits were part of the consideration which an employee received in return for the rendering of his services. In many cases, including the present, membership of the pension scheme was a require-ment of employment. In his Lordship's judgment, the scheme was established against the background of such employment and fell to be interpret

against that background. In every contract of employthat the employer would not, without reasonable and proper manner calculated or likely to destroy or seriously damage the relationship of confidence and trust between employer and employee: "the implied obliga-

tion of good faith". In his Lordship's judgment, that obligation of an employer applied as much to the exercise of his rights and powers under a pension scheme as they did to the other rights and powers of an employer.

Applying that test to the present case, the company could have regard to its own financial interests but only to the extent that, in so doing it did not breach the obligation of good faith to its employees. If the sole purpose of

withholding consent to increase benefits out of the fund was to force its present and past employees to give up their accrued right in an existing fund so as to confer on the company benefits that it could not enjoy unless the members gave up such rights, that conflicted with the company's duty to act fairly and in good faith to its employees.

There were apparently no financial or other reasons why the company should not provided non-contributory pensions and guaranteed inflation linking up to a maximum of 15 per cent subject to an obligation on the members to surrender part of their initial pension; those were the very benefits which the company was offering to all the members of the fund if they transferred to the RBS taking with them their share of the fund.

His Lordship had asked why the company was seeking to induce members of the fund to than consent to alteration of the occasions but had received no

The pensioners suspected that the only reason why the benefits were not being provided in the fund as opposed to the RBS was the company's wish to transfer the surplus of the fund (to which the members of the fund were entitled) to the RBS where the surplus would belong to the

the absence of any other explanation, that that was a fair inference. If correct, it indicated that the company was using its right to withhold consent not for the purpose of continuing to use the assets currently applicable exclusively for pensions for employees of the company but for some other collateral purpose. If so, the company would be acting unlawfully. Accordingly, his Lordship ould declare that the compa-

not validly exercisable in breach of the obligation of good faith. Solicitors: Osborne Clarke. Bristol; Nabarro Nathanson; Evershed Wells & Hind, Derby; Towells, Wakefield.

Holmes v Mitchell (Inspector of Taxes)

Before Mr Justice Vinelott [Judgment December 4] A husband who shared a home with his wife but effectively lived in it as a separate household was not entitled to the higher personal allowance under section 8(1)(a) of the Income and Corporation Taxes Act

1970.

Mr Justice Vinelott so held in the Chancery Division dismiss-ing an appeal by the taxpayer, Mr Ronald Holmes, from a determination by Derby general commissioners refusing to acccpt his claims to the relief against Schedule E tax for the years from 1983-84 to 1986-87 inclusive.

The taxpayer married his wife, a teacher, in 1959. By 1962 they had begun to live separate lives while remaining in the same house. The taxpayer paid all the outgoings on the house but otherwise he and his wife maintained themselves out of their own incomes.

From 1972 onwards they the same roof ... and more or less ignored each other". In 1987, following an agreement reached between solicitors, the taxpayer was granted a decree of divorce absolute based on two years separation by cons Section 8(1) provided for the relief if a husband proved: "(i) that for the year of assessment he had his wife living with him, or (ii) that his wife is wholly maintained by him . . ."

lived, the commissioners held,

as separate households under

Section 42 provided: "(1) A married woman shall be treated for income tax purposes as living with her husband unless (a) they are separated under an order of a court of competent jurisdiction, or by deed of separation, or (b) they are in fact separated in such circumstances that the separation is likely to be

Mr Holmes in person; Mr Launcelot Henderson for the Crown.

Order 65, rule 4 provides: "(1)

If, in the case of any document which by virtue of any provision

of these rules is required to be

served personally or a document to which Order 10, rule 1,

applies, it appears to the Court

that it is impracticable for any

42(1) of the Act, were they "separated in such circumstances that the separation is

isfied the requirement laid down in section 8(1)(a)(ii) of having during the relevant years was plainly correct. Turning then to section 8(1)(a)(i), did the taxpayer have his wife living with him during the relevant years? Or to put it in the terms set out in section

likely to be permanent"? It was well established that a husband and wife might be separated and that one might be said to have deserted the other cven though they were living under the same roof. In Hopes v Hopes ([1949] P 227, 236), a case concerning divorce based on desertion, Lord Justice Denning

anari. In cases where they living under the same roof, that point is reached when they cease to be one household and become two households; or, in other words, when they are no longer residing with one another or cohabiting with one another".

That case, not being con-cerned with the provisions of section 42 of the 1970 Act, was not direct authority. But the principle there laid down that spouses may be "apart" when living in the same house, in the sense of not being in the same household, was appropriate.

The commissioners in reaching their decision had not be applied. They were entitled to separately, although under the same roof, from his wife during the relevant years. Further, they were right to conclude that the taxpayer's action in seeking a divorce confirmed that that de was likely to be permanent. Solicitors: Solicitor of Inland

MR JUSTICE VINELOTT said that the "line was to be drawn at the point where the taxpayer was entitled to parties are living separately and Terms of agreement not relevant to service

Paragon Group Ltd v Burnell and Öthers Refore Lord Justice Lloyd, Lord

ustice Nourse and Lord Justice Ralph Gibson [Judgment December 4]

The terms of an agreement sought to be sued upon were not relevant when a court was deciding, under Order 65, rule 4 of the Rules of the Supreme Court, whether to make an order

for substituted service. The Court of Appeal so held by a majority in dismissing an appeal by the plaintiff, Paragon Group Ltd. from Mr Justice Harman, who, on April 9, had held, on a preliminary point of law, that the relief sought in the writ did not affect the nature of

reason to serve that document in the manner prescribed, the court may make an order for substituted service of that Mr Robert Webb, QC and Mr Richard M. Sheldon for the plaintiffs; Mr Anthony Colman, QC, for the defendants.

said that the essential question

LORD JUSTICE LLOYD was whether, in exercising its discretion under Order 65, rule 4 the court should have regard

service and that if the effect of making the order was to render the action futile, the matter should at least be taken into account. In support of his submission he emphasised the width of the language in Order 65, rule 4 and relied on the dissenting judg-ment of Lord Donaldson, Mas-

to be sued upon.

Mr Webb submitted that the court should have regard to the

consequences of making or not making an order for substituted

ter of the Rolls, in Kenneth Allison Ltd v A. E. Limehouse & Co ([1990] 3 WLR 216. His Lordship was unable to accept

The question for decision was very short. Was it or was it not

clause in the agreement sought impracticable to serve the docupracticable, there was a dis-cretion to order substituted

> Mr Justice Harman put it well when he said: "The width of the word 'practicable' does not alter the question of what it is one must judge is practicable or not practicable, and in my view under Order 65, rule 4 it is service that one must examine and the methods of service to see what practicality follows."

a concurring judgment and Lord Justice Ralph Gibson delivered a dissenting judgment.

Mr Jules Sher, QC, for the consent of the company. His without reasonable and prop trustees and committee of Lordship rejected that argu-Management liable for permitting transport of unfit animals

Cheshire County Council v

(in liquidation)

Senior management of a company transporting untit animals could not escape liability since the regulations providing that no animal which was unfit was

Correction

In Police Complaints Authority v Greater Manchester Police Authority (The Times December 3) leading counsel for the Manchester authority for the Manchester authority against their conviction by intention that there should be was Mr Andrew Collins, QC. Chester Justices of 12 offences strict liability.

permitted to be transported by road created an offence of strict liability and a lack of knowledge of the state in which the animals had been transported was no

The Queen's Bench Divisional Court (Lord Justice Act 1981.
Taylor and Mr Justice Morland) so held on October 22 when allowing the appeal of the prosecutor by way of case stated from the decision of Knutsford Crown Court (Judge Elystan-Morgan) which had allowed the appeal of the respondents. Helliwell and Sons (Bolton) Ltd.

under article 11(1) of the Transit of Animals (Road and Rail) Order (SI 1975 No 1024) of subjecting animals to un-necessary suffering by reason of their unfitness contrary to sec-tion 72 of the Animal Health

MR JUSTICE MORLAND said once it was established that the carrier had knowingly permitted carriage of animals which were unfit then he was guilty. Taking article 11(1) in the context of the regulations as a whole it was Parliament's

His Lordship considered, in

consent was subject only to the restriction that such right was

ny's right to give or withhold its

Date of knowledge for Delegation of election limitation period

October 10 when granting an tiff's date of knowledge.

Bentley v Bristol and Western interlocutory application that Health Anthority Ms Elsa Florence Bentley be Health Authority

For the purposes of section 11 of the Limitation Act 1980, and in respect of personal injury cases involving surgical operations, a plaintiff's date of knowledge that an injury which she had suffered was auributable in whole or in part to an operation aware of some act or omission which could have affected the safety of the operation.

Broad knowledge on the part of the plaintiff that the injury was caused by the operation per se was insufficient to set the limitation period running against her. Mr Justice Hirst so held in the and such opinion could be Oueen's Bench Division on relevant in determining a plain-

allowed to continue proceedings in an action claiming damages for personal injury against the Bristol and Western Health MR JUSTICE HIRST said

that the crucial consideration was knowledge of the act or constitute negligence. In the instant case that amounted to nowledge of some act or omission which constituted a failure to carry out the operation safely.

Knowledge of such act or omission would frequently de-pend on information derived by the plaintiff from expert opinion

irregularities in the conduct of the ballot.

Mr John M. T. Rogers, QC, sitting as a deputy High Court judge, so held in the Queen's Bench Division on October 3 in granting an application by the defendants, the National Union of Dublic Employees (MIDE).

protects union

service.

Where the rules of a trade union

required the union to delegate the conduct of its elections to an independent returning officer and abide by his decision, and that procedure had been fol-lowed, there was no cause of action against the union for breach of contract as a result of

of Public Employees (NUPE), Norma Niccol, to strike out a period.

Veness and Another v National Union of Public Employees and Others

Where the rules of a trade union

Statement of claim issued by the plaintiffs, Keith Veness and John Chalkley, suing on their own behalf and on behalf of the beautiful of the behalf of the beautiful of the beau Hackney officers branch and general branch of NUPE.

> with that delegated authority. Further, if there had been any

the election the appropriate course would have been for an application to have been made for a declaration in accordance with the provisions of section of the Trade Union Act 1984 Ian Driver, Michael Bryant and within the statutory one-year



chairman of the Bookmakers' Committee With the Levy Board already having to introduce cutbacks because of a shortfall in anticipated revenue, the

Rodney Brack, director of finance at the Levy Board, said yesterday: "It is very worrying and it is exercising The Levy Board was con-

GOLF

PGA champion, will miss the tournament because of a knee injury.
SUN CITY, South Africa: Jose-Maria Olazábal, the winner of ten tournaments on three continents this year, is favourite

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Lord Justice Nourse delivered

Solicitors: Linklaters & Paines; Travers Smith Braith-

HIS LORDSHIP said that the plaintiffs could not establish any breach by the first defendant in carrying out its duties. It properly delegated the conduct of the election and acted in accordance

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Auntie Dot set for Mellor finds form TAUNTON Selections another course win

By MANDARIN (MICHAEL PHILLIPS)

VISITORS to Uttoxeter today Can rest assured that the Barry
D Trentham Challenge Bowl
showed that he is still on the than Hotplate, who landed will develop into a competwill develop into a compet-itive steeplechase now that lengths on his seasonal debut course and distance four Phoenix Gold, Auntie Dot, Astre Radieux and Tactico have all stood their ground.

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Having won three times and she is my selection to put paid to his chance. record her fourth victory

Staffordshire track, she ran Shuffle and Sooner Still have right up to her best mark even the better claims on chasing though she was beaten into form. However, the fact resecond place. For the winner mains Invasion was their suwas that good horse Pegwell perior over hurdles and he Bay, who has since come out also did exceptionally well to and won a grade two chase at win his only race so far over Huntingdon where he ac- fences because he slipped on counted for another in the top landing over the third-last bracket, Comandante.

Today, top weight will be shouldered by the Jimmy Fitzgerald-trained ten-year Knockeniss should beat Duke old Phoenix Gold, who De Vendome in the Douglas romped home by ten lengths Concrete Novices' Chase final at Wetherby last Boxing Day. as there was only a half a On that occasion Auntic Dot length between them at Notfinished only third.

fact that she will be as hard as However, Duke De Vendome neils after two races this won so snugly on that occa-scason, whereas Phoenix Gold sion that I feel that he will has not raced at all since, enfirm the placings. could easily tip the scales in favour of John Webber's mare Market Management Ama- 1240 Yearnen Bid 1.40 Set Aside.

12.45 Aireef.

Going: good to firm

Astre Radieux, who won his teur Riders' Handicap Chase there. But that has been taken weeks ago.. into account by the handicap-

per, and I feel that he is too ride then, but today Hotplate close now to a horse of Auntie will be ridden by his trainer over the course and distance Dot's ability. Likewise, the 6lb Ginger McCain's son Donald, already, Anntie Det is clearly penalty that Tactico picked up who gained a wealth of experinever happier than when when winning at Wetherby ence last season when working contesting races of this type, last Saturday could easily have for Oliver Sherwood

On her last visit to the I'm aware that both Mandraki fence and lost all of 15 lengths

tingham ten days ago when A weight alteration and the they carried the same weight.

As far as the European

2.15 Mister Ed. 2.45 Master Rajh.

P Guest # 99

J White —

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WINDSOR

Selections

By Mandarin

The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 2.45 SETTER COUNTRY.

12.45 BERKSHIRE HERITAGE NOVICES HURDLE (Div 1: £1,940; 2m 30yd) (18 runners)

FORM FOCUS PART LLBI disappointed struce beating Weish Commander 11 as Wincanton (2m, good to
impl. ALMEST naming-on M; 2md to Granvillewatertord over course and distance (good), PRESENT TRUES (same terms) 28t 8th of 20.

HERE HE COMES 18 6th of 11 to Philosophos in
issed lavenile race at Kempton (2m, good).

PRESENT TIMES 12 2ad to Mo (chi Do on final start
isst stesson in Fontwell selling handleap (2m 2f, firm).
KTOLO fair Plat middle-distance handleapper.
Selection: HERE HE COMES

EETTING: 4-4 Brave Defender, 9-4 Falworth, 3-1 Decreto, 7-1 Mariner's Star, 16-1 Final Aims, 20-1 Sharpridge.

FORM FOCUS BRAVE DEFENDER 107 2nd to Young Stugist in novice case at Kampton least season (2m, good). FALWORTH best Muritef 51 least sem in 100 2m 45, good to firm). DECRETO 31 2nd to Castle Jester, pair clear, here Selection: BRAYE DEFENDER

1.45 BEAUTIFUL BERKSHIRE HANDICAP HURDLE (\$2,973: 2m 30yd) (12 runners)

NURM VALLEY NOVICES HANDICAP CHASE (£2,388: 2m 5f) (6 runns

Graham McCourt had the

As for McCourt, I can In going for Invasion to win envisage him enjoying a the EBF Intermediate Chase, profitable afternoon at Taunenvisage him enjoying a ton where, together with the successful local trainer Ron Hodges, he must be fancying his chances of landing a treble with Lapiaste (1.45), Came Down (2.15) and Spitsire Jabilee (3.15).

Last season, Lapiaffe took a bit of time to find his form.

But when he was on song he

Mellor to say: "So Proud is a raced onto the 21 mark when St scored at Nottingham, Newbury and Chepstow. Now following that sound run behind Westway and Viridian at Haydock a fortnight ago, he is napped to win the Gay Sheppard Memorial Challenge Trophy.

At Windsor, the Foxhill Handicap Chase should go to Master Rajh following that excellent start to the season at Wolverhampton,

Blinkered first time

with 25-1 double

took top honours at Huntingdon vesterday, combining to comlete a 25-1 double with Infinity

Rules (11-4) and So Proud (6-1). Infinity Rules gave his rivals a jumping lesson in the Long Sutton Handicap Chase, standing off a long way at several of the obstacles and giving Perrett an exhilarating ride before beating the favourite Tribute To Youth by a head,

Even Mellor, one of the winter game's most experienced ints, was impressed. He said: "Infinity Rules is a very brave fellow. He always attacks his fences and must be a joy to

ride.
"We'll keep him to this sort of race for the time being - he's well suited by two miles on a sharp course - but will aim higher if he proves capable of Perrett for double working his way up the times. We thought he might be a



very nice horse. He's always done everything we have asked at home, possibly a bit more Lad's earlier victory at the

Ludlow starter reported

The Ludlow starter Simon The 4-1 chance made up the lost Morant and his assistant Nick ground and eventually finished Vigors have been reported to the stewards of the Jockey Club I joint favourite Tinas Lad.
following an incident in the first
The Ludlow stewards inter-

race at Ludlow yesterday.
Casino Magic, ridden by the
5lb claimer Robert Bellamy,
appeared to be left about 20
that their findings have been 5lb claimer Robert Bellamy, the race. Later, they reported appeared to be left about 20 that their findings have been lengths at the start of the 2½ forwarded to the stewards of the mile Stokesay Novices' Chase. Jockey Club.



FORM FOCUS MISTER ED beat Star of Smill, good to firm) asst ton (3m 1f, good to firm); previously beat Sooner SMI need at Starterd (3m 2f, good).

CUR NOBSY weakened 8 out to finish a 31 %1 3rd to Callic Flante at Kempton (2m 4f, good to firm) last month; well handle apped on form of 2f defeat of Missing Man at Sandown (2m 4f 68yd, soft) in February.

February.

2.45 FOXHILL HANDICAP CHASE (£2,655: 2m 40yd) (4 runners) 1 21111-1 MASTER RAJRI 16 (D.F.G.S) (Mrs P Gienn) J Chugg 6-12-0 J Shortz
2 F414-FF GCOD TONIC 20 (CD.F.G.S) (Ledy Wates) T Etherington 7-11-9 E Marphy
3 414-141 TAFFY JONES 183 (D.F.G.S) (M McCormack) M McCormack 11-11-8 C Maude (5)
4 436-321 SETTER COUNTRY 9 (D.F.G.) (D Barber) R Hodges 6-10-8 (Pax) W Invise 6
BETTING: 11-8 Master Rajh, 7-4 Setter Country, 7-2 Taffy Jones, 11-2 Good Tonic.

FORM FOCUS MASTER RAIH continued on upgrade with a comfortable 3t defeat of Fare Love at Wolver-hempton (2m, good to firm) in April.

Tampy JoNes beat Kings Wild SI at Hereford (2m, rem) in August; beat Riva's Touch a head (pair clear) the most useful Boutzderoff a short-head at Bangor (2m, good) in April.

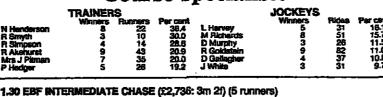
SETTER COUNTRY easily beat Fuego Boy 201 at Stratford (2m, good) latest; previously headed close from a 1/si 2nd to Ceibc Fame at Kempton (2m 4f, good) latest; jumped well when making all to beat Georgic 91 at Selection: MASTER RAJH (nap) 3.15 BERKSHIRE HERITAGE NOVICES HURDLE (Div II: £1,940: 2m 30yd) (18 runners)

OSTURA 460F (S Squires) J White 5-11-0 R Quest P PEGMARRIE 341 (Mrs. J Woodrow) Mrs. A Woodrow 7-11-0 D PHAETONS GLORY 12 (Mrs. K. Expision) R Smyth 6-11-0 L Dace (7) SCOTONI 16F (Mrs. L. Beerlein) R O'Sulfiver 4-11-0 D O'Sulfiver (5) SCOTONI 16F (Mrs. L. Beerlein) R O'Sulfiver 4-11-0 D O'Sulfiver (5) STURING LICKY 19 (R Solegas) K Moore 4-11-0 R Goldstoin 83 SP URBAN SURFER 341 (Mrs. J Griet) D Grissell 8-11-0 H Devices PP/- WOODLANDS CROWN 209F (Mag. J Heritage) D C Tucker 7-11-0 P Davice (7) STURA A STAR 19 (Mrs. J Barwell) M Tomphine 4-11-0 D Stlyrme (3) SS 1 D A BALLERINE 23F (Mrs. C Britzsin) C Britisin 4-10-9 A S Smith (7) BETTING: 3-1 You Are A Star, 7-2 La Ballerine, 9-2 Secret Summit, 6-1 Ostura, 8-1 Conway Flyer, 1-1 Jolesian, 12-1 Scotoni, 14-1 others. L Dace (7) —
D O'Stiffeen (5) —
G Moore 95
R Goldstein 89

FORM FOCUS EERO odds-on when a 221 5th to Ristan at thursingdon (2m 100yd, firm) lest August. OSTURA, fair Rist middle-distance performer, head 2nd to Splendid Career at Haydock (1m 21 130yd, good to 5thm), better at Market Rasen (2m 11, good to firm), with SWING LUCKY pulled up before 2 cut; previously 81 2nd to Splendid Career at Haydock (1m 21 130yd, good to 5thm), good to firm), good to firm, settlement at the splendid Career at Haydock (1m 21 130yd, good to 5thm), with SWING Wessax Wennor at Kempor (2m, good to firm) with SLAKE'S SECRET (earne terms) a short head 5th. LA SALLERINE 91 4th to Costno in a Southwell (AW, 1m 4t) calmer.

Selection: YOU ARE A STAR

Course specialists



Long handloop: Pipicama 9-10, Disco Duka 9-8, Coina Valley Kid 9-6, Standard Rosa 9-5, Lyph 8-13, Huma To Tara 8-9. Set The 1-1 A Barrarra Lad, 7-2 Moore Stylish, 9-2 Tilt Tech Flyer, 11-2 Go Nobley, 8-1 Bishopstone, 16-1 Disco Duka, 14-1 Molojec, 18-1 Lyph, 20-1 others. PERCONSTITUTE CONTRACTOR **Selections** By Mandarin 2.30 Duke De Vendome 12.30 Surcoat. 1.00 Hotplate. 1.30 Invasion. 3.00 Auntie Dot. 3.30 Strong Beau. By Michael Seely 1.00 Hotplate. 3.00 ASTRE RADIEUX (nap). 3.30 Strong Beau.

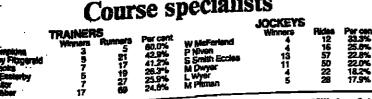
Going: good 12.36 BURTON RUBBER COMPANY NOVICES HURDLE (3-Y-O: 22,164: 2m 4f) (14 , R Derivoody ?1 ,,,, P Configur © 99 ,,,, A Carroll 96 ,,, J Caborne 92 R Bergin Gary Upone (3) A David (7) L Wyer S Burrough & Smith Eccles

SETTING: 5-2 Surcost, 4-1 Hugli, 6-1 Weareagrandmotter, 8-1 Equinor, Miss Adventure, 10-1 Chiefs II, 12-1 Miss Kerry, Rege, 14-1 others. 1982 CALWEX LADY 3-11-3 P Scudemore (2-5 tav) M Pipe 10 ran 1.0 EUROPEAN MARKET MANAGEMENT HANDICAP CHASE (Amateurs: £2,710: 3m

Lang lendicag: Sam Shorrock 9-13.

BETTING: 9-4 Hotplate, 7-2 Cross Master, 11-2 Eton Rouge, 7-1 Wrekin HB, 10-1 Valessy, 12-1 Sam Shorrock, 20-1 Magnood. ng=000. 1899: GREENBANK PARK 12-11-7 Mr T Mitchell (14-1) R Perkine 8 ran

Course specialists



• William Hill make Celtic Shot their 3-1 Celtic Shot, 7-2 Desert Orchid, 4-1 Toby 1 favourite for the King George VI Chase at Kempton Park on Boxing Day, 1 Arctic Call, Pegwell Bay, 14-1 The entries for which closed yesterday, Desert Orchid is next best at 7-2 with Desert Orchid is next best at 7-2 with Desert Orchid is next best at 7-2 with Norton's Coin, 16-1 bar.



1989: ESPY 8-11-4 P Scuriamore (4-7 fav) C Brooks 5 ran 3.0 BARRY D TRENTHAM CHALLENGE BOWL HANDICAP CHASE (£3,980: 2m 4f) (7

Long handicap; Western Counties 9-9.

SETTING: 9-4 Phoenix Gold, 3-1 Auntie Dot, 9-2 Astre Radieux, 7-1 Tactico, 19-1 One More Knight, 12-1 King Of The Lot, 14-1 Western Counties.

1939: ROSCOE HARVEY 7-11-13 B de Hasn (4-1) C Brooks 6 ran

3.30 LEVY BOARD NOVICES HURDLE (£1,982: 2m) (16 runners) 4-GR1 STRONG BEAU 15 (D.S) (Airs J Moule) D Nicholson 5-11-2 R Danwoody 97

ARROW VALLEY LAD (Arrow Valley Transport Ltd) C Tristine 5-10-10 Paler Caldwell

BRAVE BEN (Mrs V Goodram) W Mann 5-10-10 M Lynch

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| Lawr BETTING: 15-8 The Jogger, 3-1 Smith's Cracker, 9-2 Roscoe Bass, 5-1 Strong Beau, 10-1 Robcourt Hill. bilon, 12-1 Golden Fare, 14-1 others.

1989: BOLSHO! BOY 5-10-10 R Hyett (10-1) Mrs 5 Oliver 16 ran



12.45 Manuale Del Utente, 1.15 Zummerset, 1.45

Going: good to firm

1 3180 AMSANTA SANA 7 (B.D.F) A BETTOW 4-11-7.

5-4 Manuale Det Litente, 3-1 Enterprise Lady, 5-1 Carr Kenidjack, 8-1 Dance Of A Gunner, Mummy's Fox, 12-1 others.

CHASE (£2,374: 2m 2f 110yd) (6) 1 11R- GLIARRY TOWN 204 (F) J Sowards 7-11-10

2-1 Cusmy Town, 7-2 Zummerset, 4-1 Seaton Girl, 8-1 Court Rapier, High Imp, 10-1 Indian Minor.

1 -643 LAPUAFIE 14 (D.F.G) R Hodges 5-11-10 ... G McCourt
2 1P-3 MISS PORCEY 19 (BF.F.S) R Hodges 5-11-10 ... G McCourt
2 1P-3 MISS PORCEY 19 (BF.F.S) R Hodges 4-10-13 ... J Lower
3 2123 ULTRA VIOLET 50 (N.C.F.G) M Ppb 4-10-13 ... J Lower
5 226 LASTING MEMORYY 188 (F) R Frost 4-10-1 ... J Frost
5 226 LASTING MEMORY 188 (F) R Frost 4-10-1 ... J Frost
6 00PP SEDGEWELL LADY 7 (F) P Leach 8-10-0 ... B Powel
7 4-PS VINTAGE LAD 80 (G) Mrs J Womacott 7-10-0

Mrs C Wessensor(7) Mrs C Wonnacott (7) 8 9000 POONA EXPRESS 30 (B,D,S) A Ridout 9-10-0 S Turner

6-4 Miss Pokey, 2-1 Ulta Violet, 4-1 Laplatte, 8-1 Lesting Memory, 12-1 Mezara, 25-1 Poppa Express, 33-1 others.

Selections By Mandarin

LAPIAFFE (nap). 2.15 Came Down. 2.45 Cooks Lawn. 3.15 Spirfire Jubilee.

12.45 CHARD SELLING HURDLE (£1,758: 2m

110yd) (15 runners)

1.15 SOUTH WEST RACING CLUB HANDICAP

2 0335 High MP 58 (B.F.Q.S) P Leach 10-11-0...... B Powell 3 -13F ZUMMERSET 6 (BF.F.Q.S) P Leach 10-11-0..... S Earle 4 2526 COURT RAPIER 16 (F.Q.) Mrs H Parrott 8-10-7

1.45 GAY SHEPPARD MEMORIAL CHALLENGE TROPHY HANDICAP HURDLE (£2,360: 3m) (8)

11-8 Came Down, 5-2 Laure's Star, 4-1 Green Secret, 8-1 Royal Hero, 10-1 Dwale, 20-1 Dunciffe Dancar. 2.45 ASHILL NOVICES HURDLE (£1,730: 3m) (12) 1 2R12 MISTER GEBO 17 (D.F.G) J Edwards 5-11-12 N Williamson 2 5334 SPAR LADY 7 (F) J Roberts 7-11-1. P Dever
3 04-0 BURNT CATS 14 C Berwell 5-11-0. S Footer (7)
4 P2-5 FAUX PAVILLON 14 Mrs J Reiter 5-11-0. B Powell
5 0-20 FRAID SOUAD 9 (F.S) Mrs 8 Hembrow 11-11-0 S Earle
6 P HAZZARO'S BOY 7 W G M Turner 5-11-0. J Lower
7 025- LUCKY LANDERS 229 M Pipe 5-11-0. J Lower
8 PPO MAMONSTOWN SRIDGE 7 P Rodford 10-11-0 5-2 Cooks Lawn, 3-1 Mister Gebo, 4-1 Lucky Landers, 6-1 Feux Pavillon, 8-1 Spar Lady, 10-1 Fraud Squad, 12-1 others. 3.15 BICKNOLLER NOVICES HANDICAP HURDLE (£1,632: 2m 110yd) (10) 1 -231 ABU MUSLAB 14 (P.F) G Edwards 6-12-0 6 PFO- MONDAY CLUB 254 M Ppo 6-10-11 Mr A Watter 7 PBO- OH 50 REPE 273 N Henderson 5-10-9 P Thempson (7) 8 0P FALSE ARREST 21 W G Tumer B-10-3 C Dempsey (7) 9 5045 PALM SWIFT 14 A Chambertan 4-10-1 A Webb 10 P66 SABRE LONG 41 R Mannerg 4-10-0 A Webb 3-1 Abu Muslab, 4-1 Monday Ctub, 9-2 St Emo's Fire, 6-1 Spatire Jubies, 8-1 Palm Swift, 10-1 Rope, 12-1 others.

2.15 JOHN THORNE MEMORIAL NOVICES

HANDICAP CHASE (£3,551: 3m) (6)

Course specialists

TRAINERS: M Pipe, 59 winners from 225 runners, 26.2%; Pleoder, 16 from 68, 24.2%; J Fox, 3 from 15, 20.0%; N Henderson, 3 from 16, 18.8%; Mrs J Retter, 4 from 22, 18.2%; W G M Turner, 7 from 43, 76.3%.

JOCKEYS: N Mann, 4 winners from 15 rides, 28.7%; G McCourt, 6 from 27, 22.2%; J Lower, 11 from 55, 20.0%; P Richards, 9 from 57, 15.8%; B Powell, 27 from 219, 12.3%; S Earle, 9 from 87, 10.3%.

LINGFIELD PARK

Selections

By Mandarin 12.10 Sno Serenade. 12.40 Case For The Crown. 1.10 Walking Saint, 1.40 Set Aside, 2.10 Shining Jewel, 2.40 Glencroft, 3.10 Link Market, 3.40

Highland Magic. Going: standard

Draw: high numbers best up to 7f 140yd 12.10 DANCING FLOOR CLAIMING STAKES (£2,427: 1m) (12 runners)

1 3112 SNO SEPENADE ? (BF,CD,F,G) R Boss 4-9-7... N Day 3 2 3505 VANRCY ? (CD,F,G,S) Jerkins 6-9-7.... G Baxter 2 3 16-8 AMEDIABLE 6 (F,G) T Barron 5-8-13 Alax Greenves (S) 9 4 4720 SNOCKING 14 C Wall 3-69-8.... W Likwin (7) 12 5 0040 SOUPCON 14 (B,S) Miss B Senders 4-8-8 W Newnes 1 6 1040 FRONT PAGE 26 (B,F) J Alaxhurs 3-8-7... G Center 4 7 15-0 VITE VITE 55/ (BF,C,F) J Subditie 4-8-5 Dean McKeown 6 0040 MASTER TYKE 7 (C,G) R Month 5-RA... J Chilon 5

8 0000 MASTER TYKE 7 (C,G) R Hoad 5.84 ______ C claim 8 5 9 9000 MEE.FA 63 (F) A Derison 5.84 _____ C Campbell (7) 10 0000 LURKING 37 (9) W Hassings Bass 3-8-2. Dale Gibson 7 11 0012 SCOTS LAW 14 (CD,F) R O'Sulfivar 3-8-2 D Riggs (5) 11 2 0000 YELA BIANCA 14 (8) S Harris 4-8-1 Jaid Houston (7) 8 11-4 Sno Serenade, 7-2 Shocking, 9-2 Vite Vite, 6-1 Varroy, 8-1 Scots Law, 10-1 Front Page, 12-1 others. 12.40 RICHARD HANNAY HANDICAP (£2,553: 7f)

4 0803 ERIK COIN 23 (CD) Mrs L Piggott 3-8-4 5 8504 AIR NYMPH 7 C Bissy 3-9-2 Date Glason 12 5 4005- LUSTY LAD 470. (F.G) M Haynes 5-9-0... T Wilsons 2 7 468/ PALMON 1246 (D.F.S) R Curis 8-8-12... W Navenes 13 8 30/ GRANNY'S BRITHDAY 14J J Czerpsk 5-8-11 S Dawson 14 9 D164 SAYSANA 21 (F) (D) A Moore 3-8-9 J Williams 16 10 D043 MAJOR JACKO 28 (D,F,S) R Hannon 7-8-8

9-2 Saysana, 5-1 Erik Odin, 13-2 Air Nymoh, 8-1 Say You Will, 10-1 Anneli Rose, Case For The Clown, 12-1 others.

1.10 DANCING FLOOR CLAIMING STAKES (£2,406: 1m) (12) 3 9100 SPORTING WEDNESDAY 36J (D) K Curmingham-Brown 12 4 9000 ACCUA NOR 7 (V.D.F) R WINGING 3-8-9... J Williams 4 5 1004 AWESONE POWER S2 (5) C Nelson 4-8-9 8 Horstell 10 6 0000 SERGEANT MERYLL 21 (C.D.Q.S) P Howing 8-8-8 7 0006 SINGING GOT IS RAW IN E. CO. A Mark 4-9 5 7 T

7 0006 SINGING GOLD 84 (V.D.F.G) A Hide 4-8-6 7 McKnown 7 8 0492 WIZZARD MAGIC 34 (V.CD.F) M Haynes 7-8-5 9 1306 BATON BOY 23 (D.C) J Walmeright 9-8-5 G Partics (7) 5 10 6403 WALKENG SAINT 14 (BF.D.G) R Haynon 3-8-4 A McGlome 3 11 4026 LES AMES 7 (BF,G) M Ryan 3-8-0 ... N Gwillianna (5) 11 12 0429 SISTER SAL 24 (F,S) J Sutcitie 3-7-12 ... B Crossley 8 5-2 Irish Passage, 7-2 Walking Saint, 6-2 Les Amis, 6-1 Sister Sal, 8-1 Sergeant Meryll, 10-1 Baton Boy, 12-1 others. 1.40 THREE HOSTAGES MAIDEN STAKES (2-Y-O:

5-4 Quintessential, 11-8 Set Aside, 6-1 Homde, 8-1 Parish Chimes, 10-1 others. 2.10 THIRTY NINE STEPS HANDICAP (£3,028: 1m 1 6023 WELL FURNISHED 28 (BF,F,Q) A Scott 3-10-0 2 2311 RAPPORTEUR 14 (CD) C C Elsey 4-9-10. W Neumes 5 3 3000 LITTLE BKG 35 (G) (C) B Curley 3-9-3... T D'Arcy (7) 9 4 6525 KKYA 35 (BF,F,G) W Hastings-Bass 4-8-13 4 0525 MITA SE (AFF) PAY (C.F.) E Eldin 3-0-12 (Sex)

5 3041 SHENING JEWEL 7 (C.F.) E Eldin 3-0-12 (Sex)

B Crossley 4 3-1 Shining Jawel, 7-2 Responseur, 11-2 Darby Sky, 13-2 Little Big, Wes Furnished, 8-1 Klys, 12-1 others. 2.40 FLEURETS HANDICAP (£2,301: 5f) (10) 1 0214 GLENCROFT 16 (B,BF,D,F,G,S) D Chapman 6-10-0 9 DO44 ORATEL FLYER 14 (V) A Thompson 3-7-8 9-4 Generoft, 3-1 Maid Welcome, 7-2 Halvoys, 4-1 Ferox, 8-1 Lady Alone, 12-1 Where's The Money, 16-1 others. 3.10 GREENMANTLE HANDICAP (£2,427: 1m 5f)

2-1 Russian Red, 11-4 Link Market, 9-2 Smartie Lee, 7-1
Ron 8-1 With Gueto, 10-1 Attributil, 12-1 others

3.40 THREE HOSTAGES MAIDEN STAKES (2-Y-O: 3 6022 OAK PARK 7 R Suabs 9 0 J H Brown 4 0605 PENANDO 33 (8) E Wheeler 8 0 W Hennes 8 5 006 CLEAR COMEDY 28 R Harmon 8 9 M Fernand 6 9 00 CORREZE 14 P Housing 8 9 T Wilson 6 7 T Wilson 6 1 T Wilson 6 6-4 Lady Philippe, 5-2 Highland Magic, 3-1 Oak Park, 11-2 Clear Comedy, 8-1 Tea And Honey, 12-1 others.

Course specialists TRAINERS: M Prescott, 14 winners from 46 runners, 90,4%; R Boss, 18 from 62, 29,0%; B Hills, 21 from 82, 25,6%; T Barron, 3 from 12, 25,0%; R O'Sullivan, 7 from 38, 18,4%; P Ceta, 23 from 138, 18,7%;

Results from yesterday's four meetings

Huntingdon

Golag: good to firm

12.45 (2m 100yd hcle) 1, ELOGICAL (A
S Smith, 12-1); 2, Superetta (M Ahem, 65); 3, Fire Gold (S Curran, 16-1), ALSO
RAN: evens fav Sao Paulo (8th), 33 Gabardoon (5th), 50 Weekender (4th), 6 ran. 11,
81, 101, 303, 61. J Wharton at Melton
Movebray, Totes: 211.30; 23.50, 21.20. DF;
26.60, C3F: £26.35.

1.15 (2m 200yd) 1, IMFINITY RULES (M Parrett, 11-4); 2, Tribute Te Yeuth (R Durwoody, 11-10 fav); 3, Mr Cacick (S J O'Nell, 7-2). ALSO RAN: 8 Solent Lad (4th), 20 Wase Cracker (pu), 5 ran. Hd, 20, 201. S Mellor at Swindon. Tota: 53.10; £1.70, £1.30. OF: £2.60. CSF: £6.08.

1.45 (2m 100yd) 1, SO PROUD (M Parrett, 6-1); 2, Scole (D Murphy, 25-1); 3, Fortunes Wood (S Smith Eccles, 8-13 fav). ALSO RAN: 6 Persian Sword (5th), 9 Storybook (4th), 20 Comic Line, 33 Mandy's Tino, Never Forgotten (6th), 8 ran, 6; 3%, 2, 5, 4, 5 Mellor at Swindon, Tota: 26.00; 21.60, 23.10, 21.10. DF: 253.90. CSF: 2101.52. 2,16 (3m ch) 1, PAAGADA (R Rows, 4-9 fav); 2, Fexy Boy (Gery Lyons, 11-2); 3, Birdtown (C Llewellyn, 50-1), ALSO FANE 8 Alcetraz (4th), Grand Inquistor (5th), 50 Prys.-loy (h. 6 ran, %l, 151, 3, 251. J Gifford at Findon, Totse £1,50; £1,30, £2,20. DF; £2,30. CSF: £3,34.

2.45 (2m 4) 1, WHATS YOUR PROB-LEM (6 Upton, 11-6 fav); 2, Senegatals (M Perrett, 3-1); 3, Peassioner Patch (R Rows, 14-1), ALSO FAN: 7-2 Major Effort (f), 7 Try Me Now (f), 33 Proverbal Knight (4th). 6 Knight et Wentage, Tota: 52.90; 51.40, 51.80, DF: \$4.30, CSP: \$5.63.

3.15 (2m 100yd helio) 1, ST 1.0UIS BLIES (Mr A Farrant, 2-1 tav); 2, Ocidey (B Powell, 5-1); 3, Mainfield Village (J Duggan, 5-1); ALSO RAM: 13-2 Kind a Smart (4th), Greenhills Pride (5th), 11 Sand Castle (6th), 15 Tokyo Joe, 20 Bold Choice, 33 Murtel, 50 September Snap, 56 Breeze Away Bon, 11 ran, 21, 1%1, 1%1, 1%1, nk. J. Edwards at Ross-on-Wye, Tole: E240; £1.50, £1.50, £1.50, DF: £6.10, CSF: £11.99, Tricest: £40.46.

Catterick Bridge Going: good to firm

Going: good to firm

12.45 (2m Indie) 1, MCMTPELER LAD
(N Doughty, 5-1); 2, Longshoreman (G
McCourt, 8-11 fay); 3, Tree Amigos (R
Marley, 7-1); ALSO RAN: 12 Sugar The
PB: 14 Sandmoor Jacquard, 20 Spider
Woman, Carnon's Spirit (Stit), Eirudhut,
25 Holdforth (4m), Samia (I), 33 Pinecone Petr, 66 Dulverton (6m), Earl Gray
(I), Kaffir Almenac (F), 100 More Important (pu), 200 Busy Boy, 16 ran. 4, 2, 12,
14, 5, G Richards at Carystoke, Toes:
28.50; £1.60, £1.40, £2.00, DF: £4.60,
CSF: £9.04.

1.15 (3m 1f 80yd hdie) 1, CASSIS TRAVELLER (Miss S Lamb, 50-1); 2, Now And Then (Mr G Morrow, 2-1); 3, Croglean Will (Mr K Lohnson, 11-10 fav), ALSO RAN; 10 Tartan Testamant, 14 Simple Pleasure (5th), 25 Oh Right, The Wrens Den (4th), 50 Bells Yow Green (f), Le Jacobin (6th), 9 ran, NR; Mister Moody, 12t, 8i, 41, 15t, dist. R. Lamb et Seahouses. Tote: £49.40; £7.60, £1.10, 21.30. DF; £121.60. CSF; £133.57.

1.45 (3m 1f 80yd ch) 1, THE DEMON BARBER (N Doughty, 2-1); 2, See You There (M Dwyer, 5-1); 3, Doronicus: (N Smith, 11-2). ALSO RAN: 7-4 fav Old Applejack (ur.), 14 Bornin Artist (4m), 66 Vartard (5h), 6 ran. 12i, 10a, 15); 20i. G Richards at Greystoke. Tota: £2.80; £1.80, £1.40. DF: £4.20. CSF: £11.04.

Tricast 2251.51. Bought in for 4,000grs.

2.45 (2m ch) 1, LAST "O" THE BUNCH (N Doughty, 4-6 fev); 2, Walt You There (A Orkney, 10-1); 3, Lingham Megic (Mr S Swiers, 10-1). ALSO RAN: 5 Sudian Victory (f), 10 Flodden Field, 25 Dick The Spuddier, 35 Eborneezer's Oream (5th), Pri Pony (5th), 50 Buckgamari (4th), 100 Dinsdela Lad. 10 ran. 35; 18; 16, 284, dist. G Richards at Greystoka. Totas: 21.90; 21.10; 22.30, 21.50. DF: 27.40.

Tricast: £886.90. NR: Preclous Batterine.

1.40 (8) 1, Where's Carrol G Barchwell, 9-2; 2, Access Hoddays (2-1 tay); 3, Iron Red (12-1), 13 ran. 3, 174. C Allen, Totas: CSF-215.27.

2.10 (77) 1, Ivan The Teatible (6 Hind, dist), 10-1; 2, Honing Store (3-1); 3, Carrolla Marc (9-2), Scottish Castle 11-4 fav, 14-72. The control of the contr

Tricast £153.65.

2.40 (6f) 1, Yoshiba Canset (3 Husband, 11-1); 2, Hanson Lad (16-1); 3, Jumby Bay (14-1), Rambo Express evers fee, 15 and 17-10; 2, Hanson Lad (16-1); 3, Jumby Bay (14-1), Rambo Express evers fee, 15 and 17-10; 3, Perfectly Possible (1, Wyer, 20-1).

ALSO RAM: 8 The Yank (8th), 10 Bowlands Way, 12 Carthagens Cottage (4th), 14 Heiborrough (5th), 25 Jako Morgan (pul), 200 Apple Pic (pul), 9 ran. 81, 121, 31, 151, 171, Jimmy Frzgerald at Malton. Tote: £2,70; £1.10, £1.50, £2.70. DF: £2,80; £2,90, £2,90, £2,70. DF: £2,80; £2,80, Placepot: 28.20.

Ludlow Going: good to firm (firm patches)

12.30 (2m 4t ch) 1. Tanas Led (D Tegg.
2-1 it-fav; 2. Casino Magic (4-1); 3,
Hansel's Rim (50-1). Kameo Style 2-1 ittav 6 ran. ½1, 151. J Edwards. Tota: £3.40;
£1.50. £1.40. DF: £4.40. CSF: £8.87.

10.20m (10 m) 1 months 1 mon

1.30 (2m hole) 1, Damant (A J Cuinn, 10-11 fav); 2, Sallya Won (11-2); 3, Caerner-von Royal (14-1). 9 ran. 11, 71. Miss L Saldtall. Toter: £1.90; £1.10, £1.60, £2.60; DF: £10.10. GSF: £6.49. NRs: Shelly's Folly, Tufoli.

2.0 (3m ch) 1, Just Mich (B Dowling, 20-1); 2, Romans Birtholey (7-2); 3, Nouget Russe (8-2), Indian Cruise 5-4 fev. 7 ran. Sh hd. Mrs H Dowlson, Tote: 214.60; 23,70, £1.50. DF: £11.00. CSF: £79.32. 23.70, £1.50. DF: £11.00. CSF: £79.32.
2.30 (3m 11 hdle) 1, Bolehol Bey (R Hyett, 15-8 fav); 2, Marshal Blaise [14-1]; 3, Avontributteecretary (13-2). 11 ren. 8, 81, Mrs S Oliver. Tota: £3.00; £1.50, £3.60, £2.40. DF: £37.60. CSF: £25.38. Tricast: £130.65.
3.0 (2m 5f hdle) 1, Lad Lame (A Mulholland, 33-1); 2, Anjuti (100-1); 3, Turn Up The Wick (40-1), Rocktor 2-8 fav. 11 ren. Nk. 10. S Christian. Tota: £2.60; £2.40, £10.40; £1.50. DF: £347.90. CSF: £374.60. Piscepot not work £1,203.90 carried forward to Lingfield today.

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Southwell 12.10 (8) 1, Balame (T Williams, 15-2); 2, Continental Carl 10-1; 3, Damasz 20-1. Beyond Our Reach 11-8 faw. 12 nan. NR: Pilar. Sh nd. hd. D Haydin Jones. Tote: 10.80; 22.20, 25.00, 25.60, DF: 2208.00. CSF: 283.00.

2-10 (2m) 1, Old Hubert (G Carter, 13-2); 2, Northwold Star (8-1); 3, Chronological (100-30 fav); 4, Mississippi Beat (14-1), 17 ran. 31, 11, A Bailey, Totat 215.80; 22-80, 21.90, 22.00, 25.70, DF: 257.90, CSF: 250.93, Tricast £151.38, NR: Brigadier

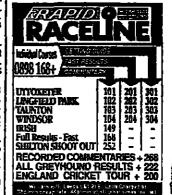
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1.0(2m ch) 1. Market Leader (W McFarand, 3-1); 2. Prideaux Boy (15-8 fev); 3.

Major Match (3-1). 5 ran. 4. 11. R Lee.

Toke: £3.30; £1.80, £1.20. DF: £6.70. CSF:



Hard man emerges from soft shell

FTOTA SRIKUMAR SEN BOXING CORRESPONDENT ATLANTIC CITY

BOXING is full of Alex Stewarts, big men who are no more than useful with their fists, making money for their managers. That is the impression you get on meeting the man who is to be Mike Tyson's "opponent" here on Saturday when the former world champion enters the second stage of his campaign to win back the title he lost to James "Buster" Douglas last

It is at first at little disconcerting for hype-hungry journalists to find that Stewart does not even look the is no comforting bluster or fist-shaking from the London-born Jamaican.

Sitting in his manager Jim Fennell's suite at the Trump Regency, the young man in the neat red-white-and-blue tracksuit looks more like an health club than a pugilist.

Instead of pumping a palm with his fist while making boxing points, he talks with his pianist fingers joined at the tips. His enunciation is

There is not a hint of aggression in his voice when second-row forward. You wonder what a nice man like part of false contender. There him was doing in a rough

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someone in the dangerous occupation of facing Tyson. Clearly not the sort to do a Federico Méndez on the former world champion.

"Tyson is talking about how he is going to kill me," he says. "Words. Who cares about words. They don't fight for you. I don't make those kinds of statements. The only statements I make are the kind I can back up. I am going to give this fight a great shot, that's all I promise. That's all a person can give. Nobody can be guaranteed victory before they even step into the ring."

It was not the kind of reassurance one expects from boxers these days. No wonunset about the chilling punchline on the television commercials advertising the contest: "Pray for Alex Stewart."

It is a typically intimidat-ing Tyson remark. "It's disgraceful," Fennell said. Equality typically, Stewart's response was: "You would not give Tyson the award for outstanding behaviour out-side the ring, would you?" Stewart looked just the kind to be blown away by the

first big punch from Tyson. But four hours later in training he looked in every sense a contender, 6ft 3in, 15st and utterly focused. He boxed three rounds, showed an excellent jab and a good right

impression that under his softness is a hard man determined to give a better account of himself than most of Tyson's opponents, perhaps even to emulate Buster Douglas. "Douglas is like the

person who ran the first four-minute mile," Stewart said. He reminded me of Chris Eubank from the way he appeared to conceal an iron resolve deep inside him. One could believe his conditioner. Steve Worth, when he said: "Alex does not give himself enough credit. He's a softspoken English gentleman but a true warrior."

Stewart had to be a "warrior" to keep on level terms with Evander Holyfield, the pion, for six rounds despite severely damaging his left hand in the second round. He had Holyfield in serious trouble in the sixth but could not follow it up because of his hand and was himself stopped in the eighth because of a bad cut over the right eye. Stewart had an operation to repair torn ligaments and was

out of action for six months. Stewart, who has won 26 of his 27 contests on knockouts, is trained by Edwin Viruel, a tough Puerto Rican.

Stewart was born in Shepherd's Bush but at the age of 15 his parents took him to Jamaica, where he learnt to box. Two years later, the family moved to New York.

RUGBY UNION

Carling cleared of being paid for opening a show

THE Rugby Football Union THE Rugby Football Union issued a statement yesterday which clears Will Carling, the England captain, of any contravention of the amateur regulations. "So far as the RFU is concerned, the incident is closed," the statement said, to which Carling will unter a heart-felt ethe.

The union was bound to investigate a letter, received from an individual, saying that Carling had received money for commission a letter or while the last Carling had received money for opening a leisure exhibition last year. Otherwise the sport's governing body risked being accused of sweeping matters under the carpet. But it is an episode that rugby union could have done without; unfortunately, as the regulations stand, nately, as the regulations stand, opportunities are likely to recur in which players will become the target for investigation.

The statement read: "As a result of a letter which had been received drawing attention to a possible contravention of the amateur regulations, the RFU president, Captain Michael

Pearey, and the secretary, Dud-ley Wood, interviewed Will Carling last Tuesday evening He was happy to provide docu-mentary evidence in the form of a letter of thanks from the charity concerned to show that he had donated to charity the sum of money he had received

The sum of money involved was by no means large and Carling had not expected to receive it, in any case Nor was he likely to jeopardise his inter when, as recent offers of around £4(0),000 have indicated, he could make substantial sums by I do 24 hours a day is beyond me," he said yesterday. "It's a bit sad that someone should have taken such an effort to alen the public over something which has such an easy explanation. I hope this is the end of it."

Drake sails in on the winning side

HMS Sultan.. HMNB Devonport...... 16

THE spirit of Drake hung over the Royal Navy knockout cup final at US Portsmouth. It is 15 years since HMS Drake won the event; yesterday, in combina-tion with HMS Defiant and the second submarine squadron based at Devonport, and playing as HM Naval Base, Devonport, they reclaimed the Inverdale Cup with victory over HMS Sultan by a try and four penalty

enals to three penalties. The combined resources of Devonport brought them level in terms of manpower with Sultan, winners in 1986, but they boasted considerably more experience. Four of their players have represented the Navy in the inter-services champ-ionship, among them the in-fluential Jones (who also plays for Plymouth Albion), whose

work rate at open side flanker belies his small frame. Broadly speaking on a mild sunlit afternoon, it was the engineering side of the Navy in the shape of the local establishment, Sultan, against the sub-mariners of the west. But there was no engineering a way round the Devonport pack which was responsible for most of the constructive features; indeed such was the surge at the first scrum that Devonport were

which gave Cripps the chance to erase Greenland's early penalty. A general inability to rec-ognise space was well illustrated when Ewers, on the left for Devonport, chose to run through the full back rather than round him when acres of room beckoned, and another try scorrange with three more kicks before he closed the first half

with a 43-metre penalty which gave Devonport a 6-3 advan-tage. Two more goals were matched by Cripps.
Sultan failed to make the most of their territorial domi-nance in the second half. Hutchinson and Upton nearly got away after a charge down by Cole but Devonport drove them back and though foiled five metres from the line they lored

Sultan to retreat and lose control of their own scrum ball, enabling Meadows to dive in for the only try. SCORERS: HillS Suitan: Cripps (3), Hill Havet Base' Try: Meadows, Penalties: Gra

Cripps (c). The National Constitution of the

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Late flood of points as Nottingham coast on

By MICHAEL STEVENSON

Nottingham University 35 IN A scintillating exhibition of handling 15-man rugby, Not-tingham University ran UMIST off their feet at Fallowfield yesterday to win their play-off Universities Athletic Union match by two goals, five tries and a penalty to a single penalty.
They will play Manchester
University, the group winners,
in the first knockout match in

early January. The key players in this lively Nottingham side are their lock, Craig, the half backs, Ratcliffe and Birt, Webster in the centre and their excellent wing, Flint. UMIST contended with spirit, but had little to offer tactically except the high kicking of their fly half. Bagshaw, but there was no doubt that they were out-classed from the kick-off.

Pritchard opened the scoring with a penalty awarded for not releasing after 14 minutes and the first try should have come when Birt fed his wing, Boydell, a little early, for him to be nobbled by the cover. Immediately, however, the ball was swung back left to right and Webers inheritance. Webster jinked once then broke

Angus Fraser, his team-mate for Middlesex and Enga couple of tackles to score an land, believes him to be the most aggressive slow bowler he has seen, and the aggression comes through in a passion for bowling people out rather than, as in Hemmings's case, bottling them up. He has a beguiling loop to his bowling and a disguised change of pace; given the chance, he may be an effective English weapon

ing on the cigarette he aban-

dons only reluctantly when

than flying and to encounter

him on a turbulent flight is to

find his face, dramatically

white, cushioned in his

At other times self-assur-

ance is his closest ally. Tufnell,

nicknamed "Cat" for his habit

room rather than, as he would

have you believe, for his

outfielding, won his place here

ahead of a substantial queue of

bowlers of his type. Richard

Illingworth may have been

runner-up. Keith Medivcott

Medlycott, of course, was

second spinner on England's

previous tour, to the Carib-

bean, and his fate was more

the norm. He was not played

when he should have been and

Last summer he bowled like a

strung beneath his gregarious charm; Tufnell is nothing if

moted to an also-ran.

shaking hands.

Yet by night he may be on

Early in the second half a great break by Ratcliffe, the scrum-half, was followed by an onishing error which be Nottingham another try. Rawlinson, the full back, attempted to fly-kick a loose ball into touch and experienced in golfing terms, what is known as a shank. Sandford tapped the ball on appreciatively and scored wide out. Bagshaw's penalty for the losers followed.

> filled by a flood of points. UMIST had deteriorated fittther by the closing stages and Sandford was in for a second try. Their final score was a try by their lively lock, Sussum, and on this form it is hard to under-stand how Nottingham managed to concede over 40 points to the talented Loughborough

SCORERS: UNIST: Penalty got: Bagstaw. Nothingham University: Tites: Webster, Sear, Sendford (2), Boydel, Birl, Sussum. Penalty goal: Prichard. Conver-sions: Principle (2). Mullens, N. Holland, K. D'Arbelet, A. Bagshaw, R. Bothiri, M. Dawson, J. Carries, S. Turner, R. Taylor, B. Berlow, B. Dela, D. Whelan, J. Spicer, A. Barton, A. Carries, D. Whelan, J. Spicer, A. Barton, B. Berlow, B. Dela, D. Whelan, J. Spicer, A. Barton, B. Barton, B. Dela, D. Whelan, J. Spicer, B. Barton, NOTINGHAM UNIVERSITY: P Sandorf NOTINGHAM UNIVERSITY: P Sandorf J Fint, D Pritchard (rept. E Williams), Webster, S Boydell, M Birt, P Retaille, & George, A Fields, K Christophera. P Carey, R Craig, R Sussum, I Scanishrick, R Sear.

Stern test facing Irish

A STRONG London Irish also been named for the North Select XV will play Queensland at Sunbury on Sunday (David Hands writes), It will be a stiff examination for the likes of Rob • The Combined Services will Saunders, the promising scrum half, against the Australian state side, which tours with most of its internationals.

The Irish have named David Cleary, the Orrell flanker, in their back row, but since he has

in their divisional champ ionship side on Saturday, his availability remains in doubt tour the Soviet Union in May. They hope to play five matches in centres as far removed as Moscow and Tashkent. • HONG KONG: Fiji scored ten tries to beat Hong Kong 54-6 yesterday (AFP reports).

TENNIS

Absent Agassi may still be punished

ANDRE Agassi, who withdrew from the Grand Slam Cup because of a chest injury on Tuesday, may still face sand tions from the International Tennis Federation, Bill Babock, an ITF official, said vesterday, Babcock said the federation had received Agassi's medical report and would now ask Brad Gilbert, of the United States, the first reserve, to take his place in the 16-player tournament. He added that the ITF had not dropped discussions on what penalties to impose of Agassi for earlier conduct.
Agassi had originally signed 10 play in the tournament, then pulled out. Last week he relattantly agreed to play, fearing in would be barred from one or more of the grand slam com-

Two superpowers go into action at knockdown prices

match between Pakistan and were packed. West Indies, which starts here this morning, was described in yesterday's edition of *The Nation* as featuring "the two superpowers of world cricket", a questionable claim in view of Australia's victory over Pakistan earlier this year, it has still been considered necessary to offer knockdown admission charges if anyone is to watch. Tickets will cost from the equivalent of 25p a day for the public stands to 50p for such enclosures as

craze for the one-day game and the rapid expansion on television, Test cricket never attracted such crowds in Pakistan as it did in India. There is not the density of population for one thing; nor were there the same historical links. And now, anyway in Karachi and Lahore, Test matches are played in a vacuum, and this is the second to be staged within five weeks on the same ground: on the same pitch, for day internationals within the game here than anywhere else same period, also at the in the world. In Barbados, for Tendulkar reveals

POONA (Reuter) — Sachin

play of all-round skills to inspire

India to a six-wicket win over

Sri Lanka yesterday in the second one-day international.

Tendulkar dismissed two batsmen with his medium pace

bowling, ran out another, took

two catches and them smashed

clinched the three-match series. India won the first match of the

series, at Nagpur, by 19 runs. The remaining game is at Panaji

on Saturday.

Tendulkar dismissed the Sri

Lankan openers, Mahanama, 24, and Ranatunga, 25, after Azharuddin had won the toss

He struck next as a fielder,

throwing down the stumps from

long-on to run out Ranatunga, who was the leading scorer with

boundaries and a six, adding 97

in Gurusinha's dismissal, catch-

ing him at long-on after the Sri

Lankan had scored 44 from 77

Tendulkar also played a part

and asked Sri Lanka to bat.

ALTHOUGH the third Test Gaddafi Stadium, the stands example, the spontaneous When the West Indians

appeared in Multan in early November for a one-day international, as many people turned up just to see them practise on the eve of the match as watched the first two days of the Test in Lahore between Pakistan and New

Unfortunately, visiting teams have become so particular about their creature comforts that for their main matches they insist on the plush accommodation to be found in Karachi, Lahore and Faisalabad. Of the 11 grounds on which Test cricket has been played in Pakistan (only India have played on more), those where the best crowds might be expected are no longer in favour, the facilities there being considered too basic.

Driving through the countryside and in every imaginable urban corner, one sees cricket being played. Anything does for a bat, a ball and a pitch. There is probably greater enthusiasm for the

century, finishing unbeaten on

52, while Tendulkar hit a six

and seven boundaries in his

exuberant innings.

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S D Anuresiri not out —
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Total (8 wids, 49 overs) ..

K1G Wijagunawardena did not bat. FALL OF WICKETS: 1-52, 2-77, 3-80, 4-177, 5-178, 6-179, 7-180, 6-214.

BOWLING: Kepil Dev 7-1-15-0: Prabheke 9-0-45-1; Tendulker 9-0-39-2; Wasson 10-0-29-1; Kumble 6-0-51-0; Ayub 8-1-38-2.

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b Labrooy
M Azharuddin not out
S R Tenduker b Labrooy
Kapil Dev not out
Extras (Ib 1, w 6 nb 4)

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-76, 2-108, 3-146, 4-

Jarvis asked to explain comments

Jarvis, aged 25, is taking legal

the Midas touch

Shastri

exuberant innings

game of cricket, which once symbolised the island, has been challenged, if not quite supplanted, by more sophisticated pastimes.

In Pakistan, though, the leading cricketers are idolised as even the great stars of is just a pity that there is so much more to becoming "champions of the world" than having the raw material which that requires.

There will be no one on either side today who does not stand at the batting crease in the natural position, rather than with bat aloft in the style of Graham Gooch, Graeme Hick and their countless impersonators. Imran Khan comes nearest to it, owing perhaps to his English background. But you will need only to pick up Wasim Akram's bats to know why so often now you see the bat being cocked as

the bowler comes in. The weapon with which Wasim hit the winning six off the last ball of last year's Nehru Cup final in Calcutta weighs over 41b and has five grips round the lower third of the handle. Produced in court, it could be taken for some sort of bludgeon. If the game is not to pertain more and more to brute force, as distinct from flexibility, and we are not to run out of willow, the time placed on the weight of the Tendulkar gave a virtuoso dis- Azharuddin also hit a half-

With most which come out of the factories today, even those made for children, such artistry as Salim Malik has shown in the present series is barely achievable. He uses something of 2lb 6oz. The bat with which Gary Sobers made what is considered to have been the longest hit seen at the Adelaide Oval since the war tipped the scales at 2lb 2oz, a weight so light as to be now

almost unobtainable. As was expected, Pakistan will be without Javed Miandad for today's match. In their party of 13, they have included Masood Anwar, aged 23, a left-arm spinner, who is

expected to play. PAKISTAN (from): Imran Khen (captain), Ramiz Raja, Shoato Mohammad, Salim Malik, Zand Fazal, Aamir Malik, Moin Khan, Abdul Cadir, Wasim Akram, Waqar Younis, Masood Anwar, Akram Raza, Mushaaq Ahmed.

their clubs, but in the winter

many are registered as un-

employed and counties are un-

Before the parting of the ways: Tufnell in his galloping pony-tail days

Cat awakens from his dressing-room sleep

men of modern cricket tours. They play an early game or two before the seam and swing England team to resemble. strategy takes root and then retreat rapidly to anonymity, what you may perceive is a stage at the discotheque, giv-sighted only when carrying the reined-in rebel, the image ing one of the more passable drinks, waiting for the team rampant in the carelessly worn Mick Jagger impressions. bus or bowling with ever-team uniform, the stubble and Nothing troubles him more diminishing confidence in the

Some have demoralised by the experience and many more have found it a prolonged ordeal. There are encouraging signs, however, that England's junior spin bowler in Australia will be playing a more rewarding part and that, if he does not exactly go home as an established star, at least he will have had a chance denied to most of his

This may be wishfully premature. After all, Philip Clive Roderick Tufnell has not yet demanded an international place here by weight of wickets. But, with Eddie Hemmings at last in irreversible decline and the England attack in urgent need of an attacking option, as distinct from a containing one, there is a gathering mood that the time

Positive noises are coming from those who matter. After Tuesday's debacle in Canberra, the team manager, Micky Stewart, clung doggedly on to Tufnell's spell as a sign of profit. "He has bowled well all trip," he said. Graham Gooch, normally dismissive of spin bowling, especially when batting, makes an exception in Tufnell's case and personally promoted his selection. "He can bowl, make no mistake - and he is learning

The man himself may hear such plaudits and grunt, though beneath the vencer there will be pleasure. Tufnell,

SECOND spinners are invari- loquacious. He is, however, a ling the pack. By day you may ably the sad and forgotten singular character, a departure see him prowling alone, pufffrom the automaton industry that some would prefer the

Look him up and down and the endless smokes. What you see is not necessarily what you get. At least, not any more.

Tufnell is a determined Londoner whose voice brings to mind one of Arthur Daley's associates. His face is streetwise, his eyes wary and his hair cut short to fashion of sleeping in the dressingwhen, not so long ago, it was grown long, pony-tail long, a statement which helped bring him close to a bitter parting from his county club, Middlesex.

Two years ago, Tufnell received the equivalent of a the ante-post favourite deyellow card from the Middlesex committee. Fall in line, or find another job, was about the strength of it. No one doubted the potential of this hop-and-skip left-arm spinner who had come surprisingly back to cricket after giving it his natural bounce and enthuup when his schooldays as a siasm were steadily eroded. fast bowler ended. But many at Lord's were sceptical about man who had lost his way. his commitment, indignant Medlycott, however, is highly

about his conduct. In hindsight, the ultimatum may have been exactly what not confident beneath his he needed. Off came the hair, superficial gruffness. upmarket went the clothes. upbeat the effort. Tufnell and John Emburey became the country's most effective spin pairing, last season sharing almost 2,000 overs and 135 wickets.

It reflected credit on Tufnell that he had changed, but even greater credit that he had not changed enough to dissolve the spunky virtues of his

own thing rather than follow-

in one-day, as well as five-day,

He remains a self-possessed

personality, one who does his cricket on the remainder of

aged 24, is not naturally

SQUASH RACKETS

Another big scalp for Keith

from Guernsey who now coaches in Manchester and whose famously studied ap-

proach to the ball appears to have been reborn in the simi-

COLIN Keith, the Scottish have never met before. At 2-6, No. 2, this week added the scalp of Jahangir Khan to those he is assembling in the Pimm's Prehim into the railies by taking the mier League this season. He was leading 9-7, 9-6 when Jahangir was forced off court with back problems after 52 minutes.

As first string for Team Allsports, Keith, ranked 46th in the world has beaten the world. the world, has beaten the world numbers two, three, seven and eight in league play in the past month. Earlier in the season he defeated Sami Elopuro, of Fin-land, the world No. 10, to take

Chris Walker, of England, the

the European champion of European champion and world champions title. "I feel I am No. 16, beat Jansher Khan, the No. 16, beat Jansher Khan, the world champion, 9-3, 3-9, 9-4, 2-9, 9-2 in 65 minutes in another only just beginning my real professional career, Keith, league match on Tuesday night. "I was conscious all week that Contrary to reports yesterday. this was the legendary Jahangir this was not the first time the Khan," he said. "I was surprised two Pakistanis had been deat myself staying so calm when teated by British players since he opened the match at a pace I 1978. Jahangir Khan lost to

Jonah Barrington in the 1980 British Open and Jansher Khan lost to Bryan Beeson in the 1987 Cannons International. Walker's victory, against a world champion said to be jaded, was part of a 2-2 draw

between Stars and Stripes and North Walsham in West London Keith's victory was the only consolation for Team Allsports as they was a Allsports as they went down 1-3 in East London to Levitt Lambs. Carlisle Camons won 4-0 against Lyzic Surbiton in Surrey to regain the league leadership from Leekes Wizards, the defending champions.

REBULTS: Planor's Premier Language.
Levitt Lambs 3, Team Alaports 1: Lynic Surbiton 0, Carlete Cannors 4: Mosaic Priory 2, GT Sports Abboydale 2, Stars and Stripes 2, North Waletsen 2, Language positions: Cannors 20;51, Lenib 24, All Scorts 23, Wizards 20, Stars and Stripes 13, North Waletsen 10, Priory 10, Abboydale 10, Surbiton 8.

TODAY'S FIXTURES **FOOTBALL**

PONTINS CENTRAL LEAGUE: Second division: West Bromwich v Burntey (? 0). OVENDEN PAPERS COMBINATION: West Harn v Reading (?.0). RUGBY LEAGUE SLALOM LAGER ALLIANCE: First di-vision: Castleford v Wignes (7-30), Leigh v Festiversone Rovers (7-30), Student Tour restetch Codord University v New South Walse University (2-30).

OTHER SPORT SNOOKER: World matchplay

SPORT ON TV

ATHLETICS: Eurosport 21.30-22.00; IAAF Achies of the Year.

BOXDING: Sensemport 15.00-16.30: Professional event, 858 20.00-22.00 and

00.30-02.30 (comprow).

CRICICET: Siry One 05.45-13.45 (tomorrow): World Senes; England v Australia.

CYCLING: Scnesraport 16.30-18.00:

Testa event from Murich. FISHING: BSB 16.00-16.30. FOOTBALL: BSB 14.00-16.00; Guinness

and 21.00-23.00: Argentine and Spanish leagues. Eurosport 22.00-22.30: Spanish league. GYMNASTICS: Element 11.00-12.00:

The European rhymmic championships ICE SKATING: Europport 19.00-20.00: The NHK Trophy from Tokyo. MOBILE MOTOR SPORTS NEWS: Eurosport 18.00-18.30.
MOTOR SPORT: Screenaport 09.0011.00: Highigms of Formula 3 and
German souring car chemponshas.
Eurosport 20.00-21.30 and 22.30-23.00.
Profile of Ayrton Sena and ruck racing
highigms. 888 22.30-23.30.

SRILTI SPORTS: Eurosport 07:30-08:30.
RACING: BSB 13:30-14:00 and 23:30-midinght: Recing news.
RUGBY LEAGUE: Screensport 19:30-27:00. France league. RUGBY UNION: Screensport 13.00-14.30: Beth, Romania, Soviet Union and

Sid REPORT: Eurosport 17.00-18.00.
SNOCKER: Screensport 11.00-13.00:
World championshid highlights.
Eurosport 12.30-14.30 and 23.30-01.30:
Asian Open, SPORTSDESIC 858 13.25, 18.00, 19.30, 22.00 and microport, 5URFBROL EUROSPORT 16.30-17.00.

TEMMS: Eurosport (6.00-11.30 14.30-16.30; The Suite tournament Tokyo, and classic metchos.

VCLLEYBALL: Scroneport 23.00-midnight: Germany v Turkey.

By MARTIN SEARBY advice to clarify what rights the club has over him in the off-season. While the committee views of the players clearly may be smarting at his strongly expressed in various letters over the past year, it is difficult to see how this argument can be expressed views, the Test and County Cricket Board (TCCB) see it as a purely domestic affair. "I'm eager to be part of a It is normal for players to successful team, but Yorkshire's decision to stick with tradition committee during the summe and play only those born within the county borders limits their potential," Jarvis said

committee tomorrow to explain remarks in the media this week on the contentious subject of overseas players. Yorkshire seem to feel that their leading bowler has been

when his contract expires next

PAUL Jarvis, the Yorkshire fast bowler, has been asked to appear before the club's cricket

intimating that unless a move was made to reinforce the team, he would consider his future

Since the decision not to

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TEN years ago, Atherstone Town football club folded under the burden of its debts. At the winding up meeting a group of supporters passed round the hat and collected £64.49. It was the birth of Atherstone United.

On Saturday, the club the supporters built, now in the upper reaches of the Beazer Homes League, will enjoy its biggest day out a trip to Crewe Alexandra, of the third division, in the second round of the FA Cup.

Five of the club's founders remain, including Pat Barber, the chairman, to enjoy the good times after two early years of struggle, as the new Atherstone United started by taking over the old Town's reserve fixtures. The players stayed to play for nothing. The old club had owned the Sheepy Road ground but sold it to the council and also sold its large social club to clear a £90,000 debt. Atherstone, therefore, have no tangible assets.

The setting up of a highly effective tote, however, brought the club a surge of prosperity and propelled it from the West Midland League divisions to the Beazer Homes League premier division, where Atherstone Town had played when they were forced

The rise of the club has been



quietly satisfying to its loyal corp of 500 supporters, among the 8,500 population, as Atherstone have put into the shade the better-known clubs that lie respectively five miles to the north, Tamworth, and five miles to the south, Nuncaton Borough.

The team, remarkably for a top flight non-League club, does not include a player with Football steadily built over the past seven sesons by Roy Bradbury, a man-ager spotted working with Ber-muda WMC and Hurley Dawmill in the local amateur leagues.

"He's unique," Keith Allen, the club secretary, said. "He's very much a motivator, there are no frills about him. He works hard and is his own man. Nobody tells him who to pick and the way to

Bradbury's coach, Bob Stockley, knows a thing or two about defying the odds in the Cup as he played right back in the Wimbledon side, from the Southern League, that beat Burnley, of the first division, and drew 0-0 at Leeds before going out in a

replay.

Atherstone enjoyed a ninematch run of wins before coming unstuck against Wivenhoe, of the Vauxhall League, in the FA Trophy on Saturday and losing 3to Worcester City, the League leaders, at home on Monday.

Even though Atherstone do not hold high hopes of success against Dario Gradi's crew, they know they will add another slice of history to their rapidly growing treasure store of memories. Alien has particular fondness for a photograph in the board room of a scoreline reading Aston Villa 0, Atherstone I, taken at a Birmingham Senior Cup semifinal against Villa's reserves last

The money from the Cup run will be welcome. Atherstone need to raise between £40,000 and £50,000 to build extra seats and fencing to meet requirements to remain in the Beazer Homes League premier division next season. Locally based multi-national companies have not helped, the council is unlikely to and the club has nothing against which to raise loans. So the resilient football supporters are ready to fall back upon their own resources yet again.
"We are very determined,"

Allen said. "It is something that we will do."



A winning partnership: The chairman, Pat Barber (left), and the manager, Roy Bradbury, who have helped a reborn club to become resurgent

FOOTBALL

Paraguayans ready and confident for world club match

coach and players of Olimpia matches on TV live every Asunción, of Paraguay, said Sunday in our country. Also, nique would earn them vic- the opponents," Cubilla said. tory against Italy's AC Milan in Sunday's world club easy one but we are prepared championship in Tokyo. Luis mentally and physically for Cubilla, the coach, and the victory," Luis Alberto players said that they were well prepared for the fast and powerful European and world

"I think technique is su- acute because the first time perior to power. So, we are they took the title, in 1979, confident of winning the they were unable to play the match." Cubilla said after European champions. The arriving in Tokyo with his 18- Paraguayans won the world member squad. Cubilla said club title that year against hey have been preparing for Malmo, of Sweden, the run-Sunday's match ever since ners-up in the European Cup, winning their second South because Nottingham Forest, October. "Fortunately, we the match into their schedule.

for the next three months after an exploratory knee operation revealed ligament damage of a more serious nature than orig-inally thought (Clive White writes). Parker is certain to miss the England match early in

"Sunday's match is not an

Monzon, a midfield player, Olimpia's desire to win the

championship is all the more can championship in the champions, could not fit

Parker out for months

PAUL Parker, the Queen's Park
Rangers defender, is likely to be
unavailable to club and country
for the next three months after
Republic of Ireland at Wembley
is March will have to say which
team they are supporting before
being issued with tickets. unfair dismissal. ALL-TICKET MATCHES THIS WEEKEND:

the England match early in February with Cameroon.

Supporters wanting to go to England's European championship game against the Supporters v Loverpool (3.0). Second division: Porsanouth v West Hemi (3.0). Sandwy: FA Capt Second (3.0). Second division: Porsanouth v West Hemi (3.0). Sandwy: FA Capt Second

YACHTING

McIntyre left counting | Hardy gets costs of his capsize

By BARRY PICKTHALL

AS JOHN Martin worked to maintain a 240-mile lead in the BOC Challenge, the single-handed round the world race, Don McIntyre yesterday talked of the dramatic capsize he stiffered on Tuesday.

More tenuous is the lead in the Corinthian class, which is held by Robin Davie, the Cornishman. Yesterday the suffered on Tuesday.

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the Corinthian class, which is held by Robin Davie, the Cornishman. Yesterday the advantage he holds over the advantage ne noids over the second-placed Paul Thackaberry, who won the first leg and started three days behind the fleet from Cape Town, had narrowed to just three like arowed to just three His 50ft Australian yacht, Sponsor Wanted, was knocked flat by a wave that broke over the boat while he was lying in his bunk. After being pinned against the cabin deck, McIntyre reported that dirty dishes that had been piled up in the sink flew all around the cabin. "Gear is in the wierdest places after the roll-over. I still cannot find any plates," he said.

BOTTO AUTO STATE AND STATE McIntyre also reported that the wind instruments had been swept from the mast-head, the yacht's rudder stock appeared to have been damaged and the wind generator, which had lost some of its blades, had also been bent.

Further back in the fleet, Josh Hall, the British yachstman, remains second in Class 2, but the leading Frenchman, Yves Dupascuier, in Servant, has now pulled out a 211-mile lead



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LATE SKE HOLS

REAL TENNIS Snow reaches semi-finals

miles, as the American's larger 50ft yacht, Volcano, surfed along at 10 knots compared to

THE world No. 1 amateur, Julian Snow, reached the semi-finals of the George Wimpey British Open championship at Queen's club, London, with a fine tactical victory over his Australian rival Mike Happell

Australian rival Mike Happell (Sally Jones writes).

Snow now meets the No. 2 seed. Chris Ronaldson, who beat Paul Tabley, of Australia.

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Tokyo on Tuesday, will be without Alberigo Evani and Carlo Ancelotti because of injuries. The Dutch forwards,

Ruud Gullit and Marco van

Basten, arrived with the team

The Toyota Cup, contested

annually between the cham-

pions of Europe and South America, was originally called the Intercontinental Cup from

1960-79 and used a three-

game format until 1968. A

between 1968 until 1980,

to a one-game championship

Although teams from Asia.

Africa, Australia and North

America are not included, it is

generally recognised as the

world championship for club

teams. Two Uruguayan teams,

Nacional and Penarol, have

each won a record three Toyota Cups. Victory by AC Milan, would make them the

only European club with that

number, having won in 1969

and placed it in Tokyo.

but could be left out because of knee injuries. Evani scored the only goal in Milan's victory last year over Nacional, of Medellin,

 Bowyer, dismissed as manager by Hereford United in June, has withdrawn a claim of

IN BRIEF

rematch

BILLY Hardy, the longest reign-ing British boxing champion, has been given a second opportunity to challenge for the world bantamweight title. The International Boxing Federation has ordered a rematch between the Sunderland boxer and the American holder, Orlando

Canizales.

Hardy lost a split decision to Hardy lost a split decision to Canizales in front of his home Sunderland supporters in January, but IBF officials were so impressed by the Englishman's showing that they nominated him No. 1 challenger.

SKIING: Heavy snowfalls forced the cancellation of the first training run yesterday for Sanurday's opening women's World Cup downhill race at Altenmarkt, Austria.

RASERALL: The average sal-

BASEBALL: The average sal-

ary in the major leagues rose by 20.2 per cent to \$597,537 (£311,000) this past season, according to the players' union. SWIMMING: Following last month's national age-group championships, ten swimmers have been added to the England Esso youth squad for 1991.

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TENNIS: The Federation Cup world Normen's Team town.

nament in Nottingham from July 21 to 28 next year has been given a £100,000 sponsorship by Midland Bank. DRUGS IN SPORT: Germany's governing sports body is to set up a special commission to investigate allegations of leading

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competitors.

The German Gymnastics and Sport Federation (DTSB), the increasingly discredited org-anisation behind East German sport, disbanded yesterday.
FOOTBALL: Romania defeated San Marino 6-0 in a European championship qualifying group two match in Bucharest yesterday. It was Bucharest yesterday. It was Romania's first victory in the qualifying stages following their 2-1 defeat by Scotland in Glasgow and a surprising 3-0 home loss to Bulgaria. HOCKEY

a gallant challenge

By SYDNEY FRISKIN

Maidenhead. Cambridge Univ...

MAIDENHEAD'S gallant at-tempt to get off the bottom of the Pizza Express London League table failed yesterday at Bisham Abbey where, in the last two minutes, they conceded two penalty strokes to Cambridge University who took full advantage of them.
Up to that time Maidenhead

had battled gamely, having lev-elled the score twice. But deliberate infringements committed near the goalline in the final minutes of the game proved

had taken a hold on the game only to lose it almost on half way past three defenders. He combined well with Ogle, who two-game format was used eventually set up the chance for sponsor, changed the format

Both penalty strokes for Cambridge were converted by Ham-mond. Having scored the first goal for Cambridge in the welfth minute he had altogether

a prosperous evening.
Outstanding in Maidenhead's
defence was Sutherland, who
scored both their goals from
short corners in the 23rd and 56th minutes. Also conspicuous in the Maidenhead defence was Bartlett at centre half.
But it was all to no avail as

Cambridge piled on the pressure towards the end. Henley-King, the Maidenhead captain, was hit the Maidenhead captain, was hit in the mouth by a rising ball but he bravely carried on.
This was Maidenhead's

eighth defeat in succession and keeps them at the bottomof the league. A draw would have put them one above Mid-Surrey on goal difference. Cambridge's win made no difference to their position. They remain ninth.

It was a good game which might have been even better if the pitch had been watered to enable the ball to run more

enable the ball to run more freely.

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Chartton 1; Westerd 9, Swindon 8; Wimbledon 1, Challes CUP: Second round replay: Persponed: Mogeley v Bangor. BASS NORTH WEST COUNTER LEAGUE: First distance Bootle 0, Darwen 1. GREAT MILLS LEAGUE: President division: Clavedon 1, Twerton 1; Liekeard 1, Bidelord 0, First division: Clandown 9; Warminster 3, PA YOUTH CUP: Second round: Alverhorth 0, Grews 4; Portsmouth 2, Hersford 1. East ANGLIAM CUP: Hejoricge Swifts 3, Surnham Remblers 0.

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University thwart Sponsorship revenue is

threatened by new code

SPORT AND TELEVISION

BRITISH sport could lose sponsorship revenue when the Independent Television Commission (ITC) implements its new code of practice in January. The code, which is still in draft form but which is not

expected to undergo significant alteration before its introduc-tion on January 1, will allow the sponsorship of all programmes exceept news and current affairs. Programmes such as Mid-week Sports Special and The Match are expected to be among the first to attract commercial

However, the Institute of Sports Sponsorship, which represents businesses underwriting many leading sporting events, is concerned that pro-gramme sponsorship will discourage many from backing the

The code raises the possibility of conflicts of interest; for example, The Match programme might be embarrassed League game. As Michael Reynolds, the chairman of the institute of sports sponsorship, said: "It is vitally important to

sport that event sponsorship is not diminished by programme It is the credits, verbal and on-screen, which represent the return on the sponsors' investment, and Reynolds is worried that these will be eclipsed by publicity for the company supporting the pro-

of television credits, the attraction of sponsoring an event will be diminished, less business money will go into sport and the very events that television wishes to cover will be at risk,"

Without equitable treatment

sport with around £400 million a year, more than eight times the sum invested by the govern-ment through the Sports Coun-

Yet the Independent Broadcasting Authority (IBA) denied that programme sponsorship will prove a disincentive to the event backers. Smart Paterson, an IBA spokesman, said yesterday: "Under the draft code which, after some fine tuning, will come into force on January 1, programme coverage may itself be sponsored. But we do not see a problem with this, it is question of marketing the

events in a way that they remain

attractive to potential backers. Peter Lawson, the general secretary of the Institute of Sports Sponsorship and the Central Council of Physical Recreation, said yesterday. "The ITC did not consult us before they drafted the code. The code has sinister implications and could be very very damaging to sport. We get very little money from government, and we want everything done to encourage, rather than restrict,

Aitken praises trial eights

By Mike Rosewell, rowing correspondent

LONDON University's trial eights races, often a headache for umpires in recent years, went off smoothly on the Tideway yesterday. Marty Aitken, the coach, unveiled two wellmatched crews, "No Poll" and
"Tax", which he regarded as
"the best I have had in my three
years at London".

On a slack tide in flat conditions, the crews raced from Putney to Hammersmith, thenfrom Chiswick to Barnes. Tax, stroked by Tim Foster, with Mathew Parrish at No. 7, drew the Surrey station and were smarter away, leading Poll by two-thirds of a length after a minute. This margin was main-

tained until the Fulham bend when Poll's stroke, Adrian Cassidy, put in a push, and, at the Mile, the crews were level. The umpire then became busier, generally warning Allison Pater-son, Tax's cox, but, after a clash at the Crabtree, her crew's stronger finishes took them to a three-quarter-length win in

No Poll's crew did not allow Tax the same early leeway in the second race. Cleaner finishes again proved decisive and Tax pushed to a three-quarter-length lead in spite of their unfavourable Surrey bend, and held this until Barnes, reached

TAX: A Hooker (Sir William Bortese and King's), bow; J Brodie (Bedford School and CMC): J Keye (Sir William Bortese and LSE): A Ward (King's Chestar, Oxford University and LSE): J Steems (King's Cartestrury and Royal Hollowers): R Fulliam (Portora Royal and University College); M Parrish (Earn and University College); T Fester (Bedford Modern and University College). Stoke: A Patensee (Mary Erstein Edinburgh and University College). cox.

NO PCLL: D Martinelli (Hampton and King's College), bow, M Rowand (Rodley and School of Oriental and African Studies); B Mavra (Red Star Beigrade and Impenal College); M Gorden-Clark (Eton and AMC); C Brook-Partridge (Latimer and University College); M Peel (Upton By Chester and University College); M Peel (Upton By Chester and University College); Threwsbury and University College), stroke; L Furnese (Cusen Elizabeth HS and University College), cox.

ATHLETICS

Threat of mutiny comes to nothing

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By DAVID POWELL ATHLETICS CORRESPONDENT

DESPITE rumblings to the con-trary, the board of governors of the London Marathon is apparently a happy crew. Though one of its longest-serving members had threatened mutiny, the board presented a united front yesterday, issuing a statement expressing "full confidence in the organising company". It did. however, agree to review its

Illtyd Harrington, a former leader of the Greater London Council, had voiced concern that the marathon was run by two men, Chris Brasher and John Disley, who have a commercial interest in it. They are, respectively, the chairman and a director of Reebok (UK), the official supplier.

However, Harrington, who had said he did not think he could "stay much longer with Wall Street more than ancient Greece", went with the flow. "He staved the distance and nothing like that came up," a spokesman said.

Two reports into the management of the marathon, one from within London Marathon (1985) Ltd and one from ourside, have some common ground, notably the need to amend the management struc-ture. A sub-group will consider the reports' recommendations. The board agreed to make £250,000 available for recreational facilities in London.

• Daley Thompson could re turn to competition at the world championships in Tokyo next year. Unable earlier this year to compete in the Commonwealth Games or the European championships, after having a bone growth removed from his left knee, the former Olympic decathlon champion is reported by his coach, Frank Dick, to be performing in training better than at any time since 1986.

RUGBY LEAGUE

Belfast ready to welcome professional code

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RUGBY LEAGUE

BRITISH COAL YOUTH LEAGUE: Bramley 38, Heavy Wooden 14; York 58, Castelord 4.

ATHLETICS

BELFAST will stage its first game of international rugby league next Thursday (Keith Macklin writes). The playing fields at Queen's University will host the amateur international match between the Irish Students of Irish parentage who live in England. The English squad is coached by the first coached b

After announcing his retire-ment from international rugby league on Tuesday, the Wigan scrum half, Andy Gregory, returns to club action on Sunday. He will play for Wigan in the Regal Trophy match against Keighley at Central Park, and will start the game if his groin

injury does not suffer any reaction during training this Scarborough football club is planning to launch a professional rugby league team to play at its McCain stadium. The proposal will be discussed by the Rugby League Council next

BOWLS The champion survives

an onslaught IIM McCann, who lays carpets for a living, brought his pro-fessional knowledge to bear at Coatbridge yesterday when be

beat Grant Knox, the 1986 Commonwealth Games pairs winger, in the semi-final of the CIS Scottish indoor singles championship and gave Graham Robertson, the champion, a run for his money in the final (David Rhys Jones writes). Robertson, fresh from his double triumph in the Hong

Kong Classic, seemed to lack the killer instinct. In the end he followed the lead of his opponent and started to attack - and was a well directed takeout that gave him victory in the fourth set. A calf injury threatened to curtail David Bryant's involvement in the CIS Scottish Masters, also at Coatbridge. The leg supported him for the first six ends of his opening match against Hugh Duff, but sud-denly gave way when he was 3-1 up in the second set. Hurriedly adjusting his delivery halfway through the seventh end, Bryant won 7-1.

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SPORT

Expert rejects Aga's claim

of the Horseracing Forensic Laboratory at Newmarket, whose work prompted the Aga Khan's dramatic boycott of British racing, yesterday de-fended his scientific methods and findings - and attacked the "nonsense" of the Aga's

in a defiant response to the welter of criticism aimed at his laboratory and its drug-testing techniques by international scientists employed by the independent committee of experts. HFL employed formal leads the world in equine drug testing."

The laboratory discovered 3-hydroxycamphor (3-HC) in a urine sample taken from Alivsa after she won the Oaks in 1989 and said the source was camphor, a prohibited substance. The Aga's team of experts showed that 3-HC could also come from borneol, which is found in foodstuffs and bedding such as wood-

"Owners and trainers can be reassured that bedding horses on woodshavings and normal positive finding of 3-HC by HFL methods," Dunnett said in a statement.

The scientists from the United States and Canada. employed by the Aga to dispute the HFL findings. were unanimous in condemning the HFL tests when the leading owner-breeder announced on Tuesday that he was removing all his horses from Britain.

Dunnett, director of HFL, travelled to London yesterday for a lengthy meeting with executives from the Jockey Club, the Levy Board, which funds the laboratory, and the Horserace Scientific Advisory Committee (HSAC) in order to discuss the Aga's specific criticism about equine drug testing in Britain.

"In September 1990, the Aga Khan's experts claimed that the undisputed presence of 3-HC in Aliysa's urine could be due to her feed, basing this claim upon a series of adminstration experiments performed in California.

"HFL agreed that these experiments illustrated the theoretical possibility of borneol being converted to camphor and then 3-HC, but positions and seek a common stressed that they bore no relationship to real life, nora racehorse.

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HFL confirmed that horses coming months. kept under Aliysa's stated

NEVILLE Dunnett the head of borneol, but no 3-HC detectable by the HFL drug testing method.

"For very good practical reasons, recognised by equine forensic laboratories worldwide, the testing methods used at HFL are designed to detect a wide range of prohibited

He stressed that drug testing and research work at Newmarket was overseen by an independent committee of exquality control and quality assurance procedures. It used the latest equipment, developed and used the latest technology and employed over 60 experienced and highly qualified staff.

"HFL's high international standing is evidenced by its many contracts with overseas racing authorities and other international bodies for the provision of a forensic analysis service," Dunnett said.

Professor Bob Smith, chairman of HSAC and an expert witness for the Jockey Club at feeding will not give rise to a the Aliysa enquiry, said: "The advisory committee remain assured that HFL works to the highest standards possible in equine forensic analysis."

The defiant tone of Dunnett and Smith was in contrast to the comments made yesterday by Michael Stoute and Luca Cumani who will each lose 45 horses, training fees of about £750,000 and top prizes due to the Aga's withdrawal from British racing.

Stoute, who trained Shergar and Shahrastani to win the Epsom Derby for the Aga, said it was a great disappointment to be losing his string of

"He will be irreplaceable as an owner because of his knowledge and understanding and it has been an enormous pleasure to be associated with very sad for it has formed a great attachment to the families that it hase looked after. Nevertheless, I am fully understanding and supportive

of the decision he has taken." Cumani, trainer of Kahyasi, who also won the Derby for the Aga, called on all parties "to refrain from entrenching ground on which this issue can be debated and resolved for the good of racing".

Although the loss of 45 The doses of camphor and horses would be a severe blow Cumani pledged to do his "Subsequent research at utmost to protect staff jobs in

"I know that His Highness normal feeding regime did not has arrived at his decision produce borneol or 3-HC. after careful and deep thought, Horses bedded on wood- and I have the utmost respect shavings produced low levels for his judgment."



Turning their backs: Ghislain Drion, the Agha Khan's stud manager in Ireland, at Tattersalls' sales yesterday

town counting the cost

By JOHN SHAW him and his team. My staff is THE early-morning sky was grever and the wind more biting on the gallops at Newmarket yesterday as the trainers watched their racehorses and reflected on the Aga Khan's decision to withdraw his string from Britain.

His family has had a connection with Newmarket since the first world war, and in recent years he has been one of the few owners able to stand up to the Arab presence in

His 90 horses are divided between Michael Stoute and Luca Cumani, both Newmarket based, who between them took the green and red silks to three Derby victories has taken." in the 1980s. Both men kept a low profile yesterday. But the Aga's protest at the Jockey Club's disqualification of his and agents attending Tatter-salls' December sales, the

biggest bloodstock auction of its kind in Europe. The first eight of the Aga's 56-strong consignment of thought the decision was corhorses at the sales sold for a total of 63,600 guineas. The remainder will be auctioned during the next two days.

Stoute caught the mood of the town when he said: *Because of his knowledge and understanding, he will be irreplaceable. It has been an enormous pleasure to be associated with him and his team. staff are very sad, for they have formed a great attachment to the family they have looked after, nevertheless, I am fully understanding and

supportive of the decision he The loss of the Aga's horses will hurt Newmarket. The fees for training a top-class horse can be as high as £250 a week, 1989 Oaks winner was the sole and all those empty stalls will topic of conversation in a put the jobs of 25 to 30 stable racing town (population staff in the balance. It will 17,500) swollen with an inter- have a longer-term effect on national crowd of breeders the town's farriers, saddlers, vets and other professionals.

Simon Curtis, a farrier who

works for the two stables, said damental than the problems the decision would have an undoubted financial effect. He rect and that the integrity of racing should be maintained. "Mr Stoute and Mr Cumani have given him three Derby winners in 10 years and that says everything to me about the quality of training in Newmarket," he said.

Elizabeth Butcher, of Gibson Saddlers, said the withdrawal was "a big blow to practices in Newmarket and taken out of the town is quite considerable and it is obviously going to have a big effect just before Christmas". Gibson Saddlers holds toyal

warrants to the Queen and Queen Mother. It has been making racing silks for many years and also supplied both

The wider view was taken by Alan Gibson, director of Januarys Black Horse Agencies, which specialises in more important and fun- year by at least 30 per cent.

of the Aga Khan," he said. "The question of revenue from the betting levy and/or the government and the profound effect of VAT after 1992 are all pressing. Unless this position is changed, we will have the ludicrous situation of

facing 15 per cent VAT in this

country and a figure as low as

two to 2.5 per cent in other European countries." There are two veterinary each supports about 12 vets. David Ellis, of Simpson and Partners, said: "If you have 60 fewer horses requiring attention, it is bound to have some effect, but bear in mind there

are more than 2,000 in training here." Tattersalls, founded in 1766, was full of predictions about where the Aga's horses would go; Ireland, France or the United States. The firm sold horses worth £36 million to 39 countries last year but, because of the recession, sales equestrian properties. "The because of the recession, sales problems of racing are far are expected to be down this

Anxious Gooch gets his hand in a week early

From Alan Lee, cricket correspondent, perth

GRAHAM Gooch, the Eng-land cricket captain, accelerated his comeback from a hand operation by a full week yesterday when he batted, in the Perth nets, for the first time in almost a month. This unannounced and unexpected development indicates the growing anxiety of Gooch to resume command. Gooch batted for 20 min-

utes, against three slow bowlers, with his troublesome finger in a plasticine guard. He also bowled a few gentle deliveries without discomfort and then, remarkably, said: "I could play in our game on Friday if I only had to bat. But I could not sustain a blow on the hand in the field. It could be a few days, or much longer, before I am all right to field."

Gooch indulged in some gung-ho talk to make it plain that he is, at least mentally, back in charge. "We are not batting well," he said. "In fact, none of our game is in order, but we are going to fight back. No side that I am involved with is going to give up."

Gooch could return to the side for the World Series Cup matches in Brisbane the weekend after this, but England remain in disarray for their two games here, against New Zealand tomorrow and

Australia on Sunday. It was only during the ninehour journey to Perth that the tour management confirmed that Allan Lamb, the acting captain, had joined the casualty list. Lamb is suffering from fibrositis, and has been for several days. This may at least partially excuse the wooden way in which he has batted in the past week, although it does not explain why a team manager should subject the captain to criticism

rather than making it plain that he has been operating under a handicap. If the neck spasms are severe, it also fails to explain why Lamb played in the

minor match in Canbena

rather than resting and having

treatment. The team's physio-

therapist, Laurie Brown, confirms that Lamb was "below 100 per cent fit". In Lamb's absence the captaincy would have passed to David Gower, a contingency which could not have been foreseen when the tour began, It would also have forced the inclusion of Hugh Monis who would undoubtedly embarrass the selectors, and

their original selections, if he

made an unavoidable case for

retention by scoring heavily. Lamb is not certain to play tomorrow and Gower is unlikely to have recovered from his chipped and bruised thumb, though it is hoped he will be available for Sunday's game. The next logical captain is Wayne Larkins, whose form hardly merits inclusion and who is still complaining of the effects of a severe mouth abscess. Eddie Hemmings, the fifth over-30 and sole over-40 in the party, is recovering only slowly from his calf strain and his place should go to Philip

To add to the worries, three of the seam bowlers, Small, Fraser and Bicknell, have minor chest infectious. It was hardly surprising that Robin Smith agreed yesterday to forgo his previously agreed paternity leave. His wife, Cathy, gave birth to a son on Tuesday but Smith will stay with the team through an increasingly fraught month.

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Gower's socks no match for new rule

By RICHARD STREETON

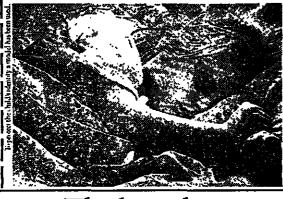
IS HAMPSHIRE'S status in A TCCB working party, white or light-grey socks, rang autumn. Lord's yesterday to ask if It was Gower's penchant for wearing that white or light-grey socks. odd and brightly coloured must be worn and the new

shire's first-class status. "I bit my tongue and gave a Australia. Australian short 'No'," Peter Smith, the susceptibilities have not thus Test and County Cricket far been tested, although a Board's spokesman, said. Un- nation that introduced coltil Gower started to wear a oured clothing for its night blue sock on one foot and a games might not be so easily red on the other, or a green and a yellow, the authorities never had occasion to legislate on the matter.

danger because of David tackling weightier dress issues, Gower's socks? A local radio such as advertising logos and station, hearing that proposed slogans on shirts and equipnew dress regulations out- ment, quickly added socks to lawed anything other than their deliberations last

It was unanimously agreed socks was a threat to Hamp- ruling was implemented in time for England's tour of offended. Gower complied when told

that the days of odd, coloured socks had gone.



The best thing about Jenny's Christmas is that her father gets too drunk to sexually abuse her.

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Leading sportsmen back London bid GARY Lineker and Daley

Thompson are to support Sebastian Coe's attempt to have the 2000 Olympic Games staged in London. Organisers revealed yesterday that the England football captain and the former Olympic decathlon champion have agreed to "play an active, practical" role in backing the campaign by Coe's team. They also announced that Virginia Wade, the former Wimbledon champion, Vir-

ginia Leng. the European three-day event champion. and Adam Faith, the entertainer, along with London transport, police and tourist chiefs, have joined the coordinating team. It is also believed that Coe's "London Olympics 2000" company will be putting for- team.

Wembley Stadium, the Albert Hall and Wimbledon as potential Olympic sites in an effort to be nominated as Britain's candidate city for 2000. The British Olympic

Association will decide later this month whether it will sanction any bid. If it does, London will have to fend off a challenge from Manchester to earn the right to be Britain's With transport, security and

tourist image being key areas. Lawson said that the London Transport chairman, Wilfred Newton, Metropolitan police superintendent Peter Bean and the London Tourist Board chairman, Dame Shelagh Roberts, had agreed to join the

FOUR women officials have been forced to resign from the Amateur Boxing Association (ABA) because of the im-

plementation of a 12-year-old regulation precluding females from holding executive positions. The regulation, which has

never been published in its rule book, was invoked after Carmel Carney, the former treasurer of the south-east division, applied for the position of assistant secretary with the ABA. Not only did Carney not get the job, but she lost her south-east division post. Three other female ABA area officers were subsequently ordered to relin-quish their regional roles.

Linda Shaw, Ann May and Linda Setford have been forced to abandon executive

ABA dismisses and Southern Counties, respectively. Their involvement is now restricted to club

> Joe Lewis, the ABA secretary, yesterday said: "If Mrs Carney had become our asistant secretary, she would have had to enter changing rooms. That would have embarrassed the men, and our position is within the law. We are, nevertheless, taking legal advice. It is unfortunate that the regulation did not appear in the rule book, it was an oversight. But there is nothing to stop women becoming club secretaries."

> Carney said yesterday: "There are two many old men on the ABA executive who want to keep power for themselves and prevent progress. The point is that in jobs like treasurers and secretaries women do not go into chang

ing rooms. In 20 years' EOC, who say that the ABA's involvement in boxing I have action is probably within the never needed to go into a law, but we will be reconsiderdressing-room.

"Between the four of us, we have ten years experience on the executive of regional divisions. What right has the ABA to suddenly take that away from us? It is illogical. The ABA is quite happy for women to do the housework, washing, and ironing, but it does not want us to actually peg the clothes out on the

The four women have complained to the Sports Council, which provides the ABA with £150,000 per year, the Equal Opportunites Commission (EOC), and George Wimpey, sponsors of amateur boxing.
A spokeswoman for the
Sports Council said yesterday:

"We are very concerned about this. We have spoken to the

Setford said: "We were absolutely staggered that something like this should happen in 1990. The job is purely administration; it is crazy. As the rule does not appear in the rule book I have asked to see the minutes of the meeting when it was in-troduced, but have so far been refused. I am taking legal advice in an effort to get the ABA to produce it.

ing the ABA grant,"

"I have been elected to all the posts I have held by people who believed I was capable of doing the job. I think it is tragic that people who have a wealth of experience and who are willing to put a lot of effort into the job are barred purely

Italian medieval masters of the oval ball game

RUGBY union has long acknowledged that, whatever William Webb Ellis may or may not have done at Rugby School in 1823, the origins of the sport can be identified in far earlier times, in medieval street football, for example, and even among relaxing Roman legionaries. However, a retired doctor from Cambridge has helped cast new light on rugby's history by drawing attention to a remarkably similar game played in Italy in the sixteenth

century. While researching the history of real tennis, Roger Morgan, formerly treasurer of the Cambridge University real tennis club, came across a comparatively recent translation by Tony Negretti of a work published in Venice in 1555 by Antonio Scaino, entitled Trattato del Guioco della Palla (Treatise on the Ball

It deals with various ball games.

DAVID HANDS sheds light on a stylised form of rugby played in Italy in the sixteenth century

primarily dealing with what we broadly might identify as tennis. But the final chapter, almost a throwaway postscript to the book, translates as On the Game of Football and describes with considcrable accuracy, under the generic term "calcio", a game closely akin to rugby.
"I may have brought some new

evidence to light," Dr Morgan, aged 61, said, "although it has been there all along. The book is known in Italy and to real tennis players in this country. The treatise refers to a game

played with "a wind ball 11 light ounces in weight, seven inches in diameter" which could be contested by 20, 30 or 40 a side; "at the two ends of the court, according to its length, a certain space is marked off within which those who wish to win the battle must send the ball." The players can strike the ball

with any part of the body or "pick it up, hold it in his hands and carry it (a glorious feat) within the enemy's markings. Only he is forbidden to throw it whilst holding it in his hand and when this happens it is returned to the skirmish". Even the use of the word skirmish in translation resembies very closely scrummage.

The game began with a kick-off and players were chosen for their differing attributes. The treatise goes on: "Some must be good runners [today's backs?], the others strong at resisting the enemy on-slaught [forwards?], others expert at meeting the ball [half backs?], others clever at joining the skirmish [loose forwards?]." The sides were arranged in triangular fashion and those at the tip of the triangle were advised to leave the ball for those

reaching the in-goal area was better. "Some of the strong men will form a wing for the runner to run down the field with the ball in hand

and the advance guard will confront the adversaries so that he has a free and unimpeded passage ... This game of football, though not devised with such rare art as is found in other ball games, is notwithstanding a most delightful game which affords much pleasure, especially to beholders, presenting more than any other an image of a real battle in which very off-time now here, now there, the players fall in great disarray and upside down, a game in which more than in all other ball games, the value of good runners and those dextrous and strong at wrestling is disclosed."

Dr Morgan, who played rugby as a young man, observed: "The Webb Ellis story strikes me as historical nonsense because the ball was often picked up and carried in medieval football, in the feast-day games her and in France, where it was called shoule. The interesting thing about Scaino's book is the structure of the game, which is very similar to the lay-out of a modern rugby football game. It's not a free-for-all melee up and down the village street. This is highly organised."

By a curious coincidence, after the annual meeting of the Inter-national Rugby Football Board in March, the Italian Rugby Federation will be permitted a reprosentative on the board for the first time. Perhaps it is Britain and her former colonies who should be seeking access to the Italian code.

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